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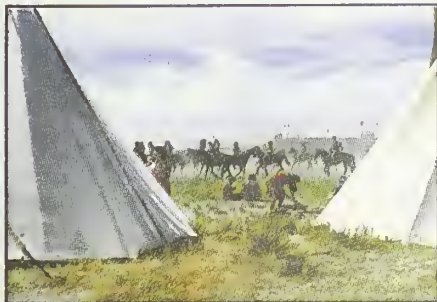


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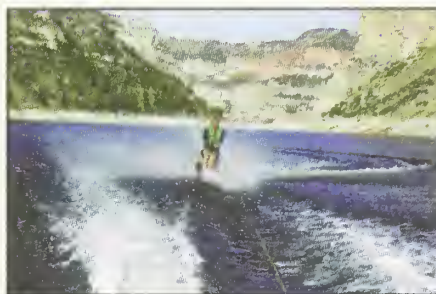


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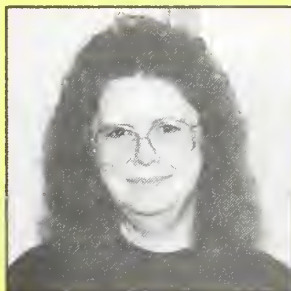
Here is how to find your way through this vacation guide. Major travel arteries of the region follow along I-90, I-94, and Highway 212. Lots of the fun, scenery and attractions highlighted in the guide are off the beaten path, however.

Therefore, we guide you through the region in a serpentine pattern, starting with easternmost Wibaux on I-94 and ending with westernmost Laurel on I-90. Our pages take you from town to town, telling you about what there is to see and to do in each one.

Topics of general interest throughout the region, maps and charts are included to help you find out more about your special interests.



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On the Cover: Clockwise — Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment in Hardin, and Yellowstone River view from atop Pompeys Pillar, John Brewer Photos; Crow Fair Dancers, Steve Alexander as General Custer, Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, Donnie Sexton Travel Montana Photos.

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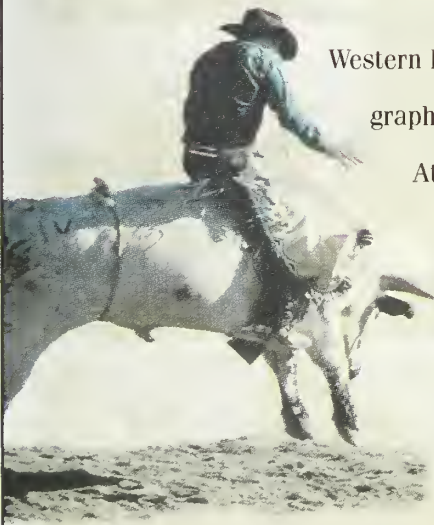


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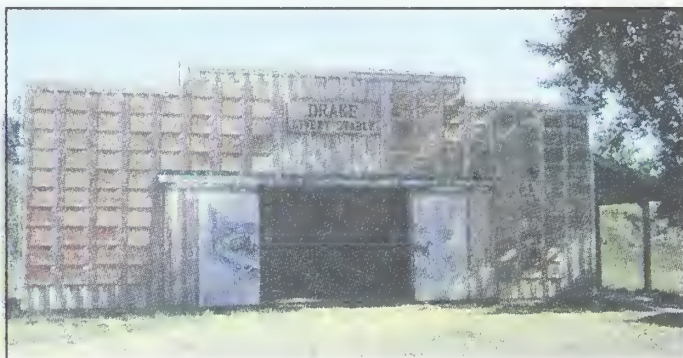
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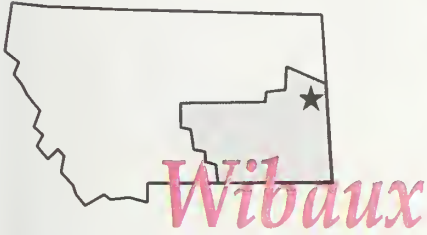


A livery stable is part of the museum complex.



Pierre Wibaux's statue overlooks the land he loved.

Welcome to the Treasure State



Put Wibaux at the top of your travel itinerary when you travel to Montana from the east on Interstate 94.

This "Gateway to Montana" community has a State Visitor Center with all the information you will need to complete your plans for a wonderful vacation in Montana. And as a bonus, you will find Wibaux (pronounced wee-bo) to be a friendly, western town with a colorful history and a charming commercial historic district—a great place to set the tone for the rest of your trip.

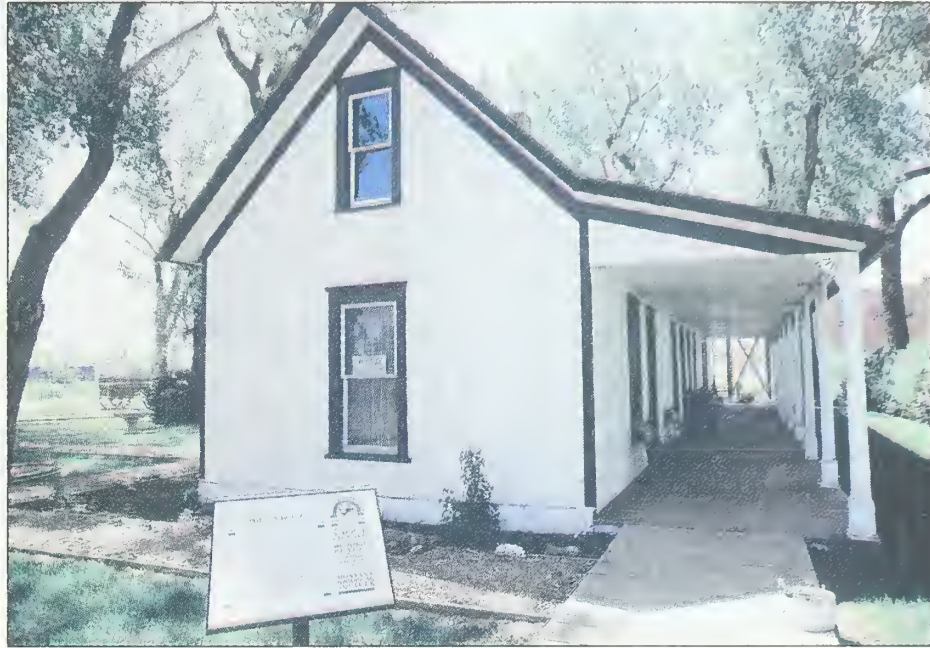
The town and county were named for Pierre Wibaux, a Frenchman who came to the territory in the late 1800's when he decided his future did not lie in the textile industry operated by his family. He arrived in 1883 and began securing property and cattle even though he had no background in ranching.

His herd of cattle at one time numbered 40,000 head, and they grazed on land he controlled in western North Dakota and eastern Montana.

Teddy Roosevelt was among his friends in this era. The future President of the United States was a badlands rancher at this time. The Marquis de Mores, another Frenchman, undertook a grandiose—though doomed—plan to process beef in western Dakota. Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the town of Medora, ND, just 30 miles from Wibaux, stand today as reminders of the roles these gentlemen played in history.

Welcome to Montana

State Information Center: A new visitor information center and rest area will open in Wibaux in 1998 at Interstate 94 Exit 242. Maps, travel brochures, photographs, video tapes and a friendly staff answer your questions about what there is to do and see all across Montana.



Pierre Wibaux's former town house is now the heart of Wibaux's museum complex.

Wayne Mumford Photo

Montana History on Display: History begins at Montana's doorstep with Pierre Wibaux's in-town office and sleeping quarters, restored to its original condition and featuring many antique household furnishings of the homestead days. The museum also includes an old-fashioned barbershop, a lively stable, a railroad caboose, and old-fashioned flower gardens.

A railroad car, part of the Montana Centennial Train, which was on display at the World's Fair in New York City in 1964, houses a number of artifacts and unusual displays, including a man's vertebrae with an arrowhead embedded in the bone. Free tours of the museum are conducted during the summer months. The museum is located on East Orgain Avenue, in Wibaux's Historic commercial District.

Walking Tour: Walking history tour brochures are available at the museum or the visitor information center.

The historic St. Peter's Catholic Church marked its 100th year in 1995. It is a beautiful building faced with lava rock and built with funds donated by the Wibaux family. It is just one of a number of buildings included in the walking tour.

Pierre Wibaux's will provided for a monumental statue in his likeness. It stands on the west edge of the town and overlooks the land he loved so well. The statue faces the direction of his main ranch, known as the W-Bar, located northeast of town.

Accommodations and Arts: Wibaux has two motels, two overnight camping courts, a ranch bed and breakfast south of town, two supper clubs and two taverns offering casino gambling, two hometown cafes, a fast food/ice cream shop, a pewter foundry, an antique store with a soda fountain, and two combination convenience store/gas station facilities. The community has five churches with Sunday services.

Outdoors Under the Big Sky

Parks and Recreation: A public outdoor swimming pool, with shade trees and playground equipment adjacent to it, is located on West Nolan Avenue. Visitors are welcome afternoons and evenings.

Wibaux has several city parks where visitors can enjoy a picnic, take a walk, let children romp in playground areas, or enjoy flower gardens courtesy of the Wibaux Garden Club. The VFW

Memorial Park near the Pierre Wibaux statue overlooks the Beaver Valley. The Wibaux city park on the main thoroughfare, Wibaux Street, has shade trees, picnic tables, and playground equipment. Picnic tables are also available at a new park across from the Wibaux County Nursing Home at the south end of town.

Baseball games between area clubs are a popular summer activity at the field on East Second Avenue South.

Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife: It looks like just a small stream, but Beaver Creek, which flows through Wibaux, has produced some big fish, including walleye and northern pike in excess of 10 pounds. Catfish and bullheads also can be caught in the creek, while panfish and trout are found in many area farm ponds. A public pond with picnic area is located on the edge of the city limits on Highway 7 South.

A blend of badlands and rolling hills offers fine photography or hunting trophies in mule deer, whitetail deer and antelope. Upland game birds also are plentiful in some parts of the county. Deer, wild turkeys, beaver and a wide variety of songbirds are frequently spotted—sometimes right in town!

A Special Invitation

Activities and Events: Wibaux doesn't have any snow in July and Beaver Creek is too narrow for water skiing. But the community is planning its fourth annual Eastern Montana 'Ski Festival July 3-5. The slightly offbeat festivities celebrate the large number of Polish settlers in the area whose names end in "-ski" as well as the "Norskis," Germans and other ethnic groups who developed Wibaux County. In addition to a parade, polka music and a Polish barbecue, the festival includes games such as mechanical surfing. Youngsters enjoy an inflatable giant pillow jump. A ranch rodeo with events mirroring work actually done on area ranches also will be held during the 'Ski Festival. Visitors are welcome to join the fun.

Another highlight each summer is the Wibaux County Fair in August. It includes a parade, exhibits, livestock judging, a rodeo, and a demolition derby.

Events in Wibaux in 1998

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Pierre Wibaux's "town house" and livery stable have been restored and furnished to their original style. Admission to the museum is free.

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Wibaux's old St. Peter's Catholic Church, covered with native rocks, is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

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What is there to do in Baker? You name it! In the summer take advantage of fine outdoor recreational facilities. In Baker you can play golf, tennis, softball, or pitch horseshoes. All of these activities are within walking distance of each other.

Fresh Air Recreation

Baker Lake: You can swim, or go boating and water skiing at Baker Lake and have a picnic in one of the beautiful city parks. Fishermen will be sure to have a fish story or two to take home, after casting a line in Baker Lake or in nearby Sandstone Reservoir, where pike, crappie, perch and walleye can be caught.

Medicine Rocks State Park: Drive 25 miles south of Baker to see Medicine Rocks State Park. You'll understand why dinosaur bones have been found near Baker when you see the honey-combed sandstone rock formations, carved by time, water, and wind. The FW&P campground at the park is open year round and offers camping for trailers up to 20 feet. (406) 232-0900.

Free Camping: Campers and RV travelers can park free overnight at the city RV park, complete with sewage disposal facilities. Or you can pitch a tent for the night at Steve McClain Memorial Park, which has picnic tables, bathroom facilities, and barbe-



Medicine Rocks State Park, located between Baker and Ekalaka, offers an opportunity to explore unusual rock formations. There are picnic facilities at the park. Native Americans gave the area its name. Here they found "good medicine."

Travel Montana Photo

cues. Excellent motel accommodations are available at reasonable rates, and restaurants please both palate and pocketbook.

Hunting: Hunters often go home with huge trophies from the healthy, carefully managed wild game population in the Fallon County habitat. You can hunt deer, antelope, pheasants, wild turkeys, or rabbits throughout the area. And you'll always be able to find someone to give you tips on the best places for success. Many of the farmers and ranchers are glad to give permission when you ask. (Please be sure to ask!) Many parcels of land around Baker are part of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Block Management Program that is designed to help hunters gain access to good hunting lands. The hunting section of this guide explains the program in more detail.

Trap Shoot and Target Range: Travel west from town, and you will find a fine new trap shooting and target range. Tournament season for the range is usually from May to October, but you can use it on your own any time.

Winter Sports: Winter sports are no more limited than the snow in the

Friendly City. There are lots of wide open spaces for cross country skiing or snowmobiling. Or go ice skating at the lighted outdoor rink. Ice fishing lures plenty of fishermen to augered holes, and lots of local folks are willing to share their "secrets" about how to land the big one.

Scenic Drives and Flights: No matter which direction you look in Baker, you'll see stretches of scenery painted with golden fields and sandstone, arched horizon to horizon with a big blue sky that is most often piled full of mile-deep, pillowy clouds. In fact, to really get a view of the surrounding area, fly into Baker. Because of the oil activity in the area, the fine airport complex is cleared to land most aircraft. Much of the land is virtually unchanged from thousands of years ago. Wildlife is part of the landscape scenes. You may even see the bighorn sheep herd that ranges in the rugged red hills between Baker and Miles City.

A Walk-in History Book

County Museum: If you let your mind wander, you can imagine how the Indians lived, or what hardships the first explorers, trappers, or settlers



Dressed in early Montana fashions, mannequins are tireless receptionists at the O'Fallon Museum at Baker.

John Brewer Photo

must have faced. The O'Fallon Historical Museum in Baker will fill in the details that your imagination may have left out. The story of fashion is exhibited on mannequins wearing clothes and accessories of the past. The full size taxidermy mount of the 3,980 pound Steer Montana dwarfs visitors who come to view him.

Volunteers will give you directions to one of the many teepee rings in the area, or point out to you the wagon ruts left by some of the original wagon trains that came through Montana.

Indoor Recreation

Recreation Center: In the heart of Baker is one of the finest indoor recreation facilities in the state. You can swim in the indoor heated pool, play racquetball or wallyball, or use the weight room at the Baker Recreation Center, adjacent to the high school. It's open year-round. An indoor miniature golf course is also open year round at Lake City Shopping Mall.

Complete With Hospitality:
Accommodations: Baker has a fine

selection of lodging, dining, and shopping. All the services a traveler could need, including the Fallon Medical Complex, are available in this eastern Montana border town.

Warm Welcome: Residents say, "Whether your interest is sports or fossil hunting, or you just want to strike up a game of whist at the Senior Citizen's Center, you'll like Baker, Montana, the Friendly City. Our business people are eager to serve you, and our citizens are always willing to do their best to make you feel t'home."

The Main Events!

County Fair: The Fallon County Fair is August 20-23, 1998. Carnival rides, agricultural and business exhibits and rodeo are part of the fun. There is lots of food to sample and a night show, featuring famous entertainment.

Bronco Days: Activities in Baker begin with the Bronco Days Rodeo March 13-15, 1998. Held indoors, at a fine arena, the event is action-packed with cowboys and cowgirls competing for points that lead the best on broncs to the national level.

Fourth of July: Baker's 4th of July celebration includes everything from beach volleyball tournaments, to pie-eating contests, sack races, and horse-shoe pitching exhibitions.

Summer Festival and Street Dance: Check with the Baker Chamber of Commerce for the dates of the Summer Festival and Street Dance. The event includes exhibits and entertainment throughout the day, followed by a dance on Baker's Main Street, born of good old-fashioned country music.



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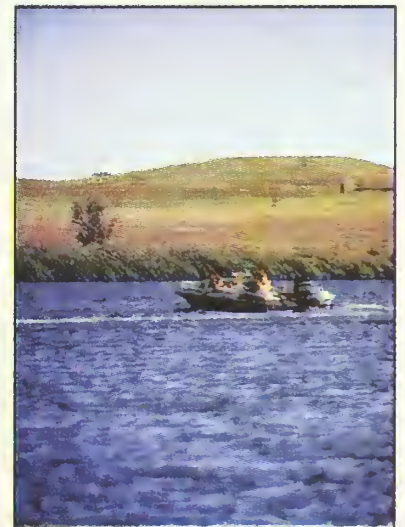
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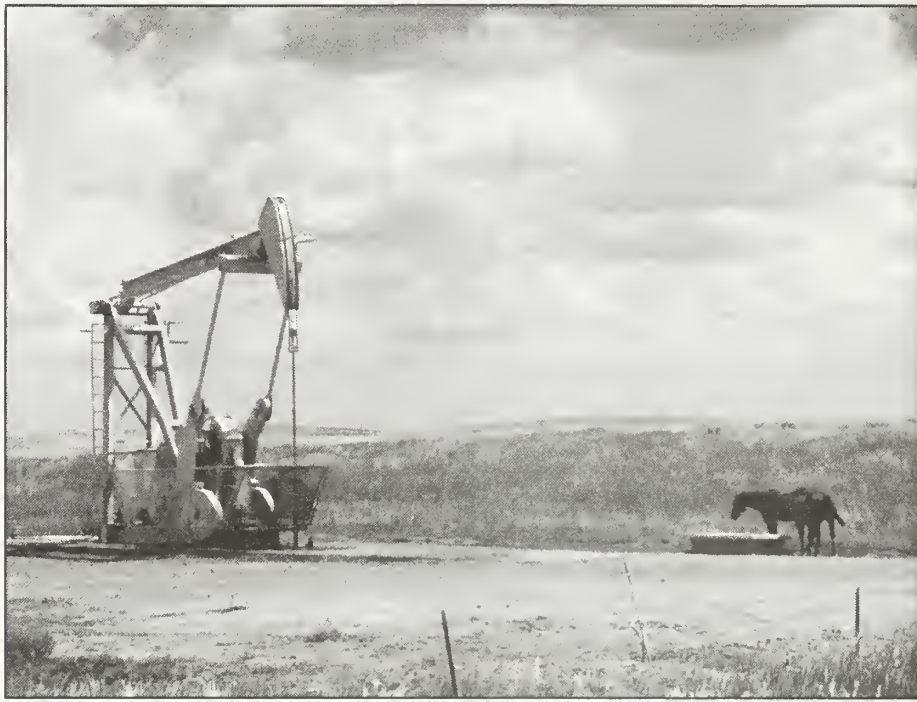
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 To Ekalaka
 and Medicine Rocks State Park



Baker Lake
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Oil is big business in the Baker area. Productive wells can be seen along the highway. Benefits of the mineral wealth are evident in the recreation complexes and community facilities in the town, many of which are the result of a partnership between private enterprise and government agencies.

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1998 Events in Baker

Besides Bronco Days, March 13-15, and the Fallon County Fair on August 20-23 in 1998, the town sponsors events, such as a Health Fair in March, the annual Gigantic Treasure Fest (an indoor garage sale) at the end of March, and a Talent Show in summer. Fall events include a Customer Appreciation Day and a Calcutta. Winter is brightened by a Bull-R-Ama, a Craft Bazaar, Santa Day, the Jaycee Dinner for Senior Citizens, and a Community Concert. Contact the Baker Chamber for specific dates of these events.

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A Story About a Town Named 'Joe'

From Range Land to Gridiron: In May of 1993, the town of Ismay, MT was contacted by a radio station in Kansas City, MO. The station had a special request for the town to consider—changing the name of the town to Joe, Montana for the duration of the football season.

The radio station promoters felt that this was a great way to honor their newly signed Kansas City Chiefs quarterback, Joe Montana, the man.

Ismay, population 22, agreed.

On July 3, 1993, it was official.

Ismay was Joe.

In celebration, the town organized a ranch rodeo, a parade, and a night show for July 3. They drew over 2,000 spectators. They hoped to raise a couple thousand dollars to cover the annual operating costs of the volunteer fire department.

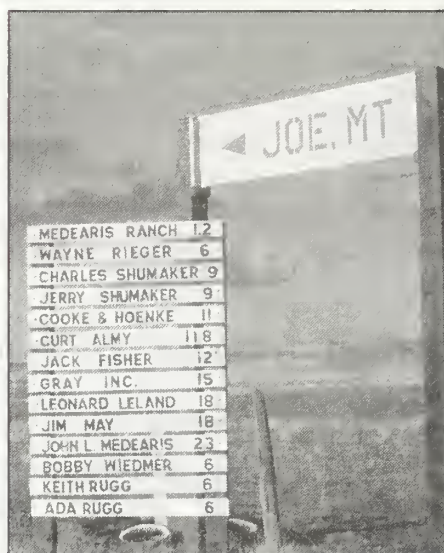
The mayor, who earns \$4 a month for his mayoral duties, proudly reported that by February of 1994, the town had

netted nearly \$70,000.

Ismay will hold Joe Montana (or Joe, Montana) Days again in 1998 on the 4th of July. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament, pig roast, beer garden, dance,

kids' games and fireworks are the highlights.

Everyone's welcome, says the mayor, but he advises that lodging reservations should be made in Miles City or Baker. Joe has no hotels, but pitched camps are accommodated.



Residents of Ismay changed the name of their tiny town to Joe — Joe, Montana. Residents are found at mileage points, rather than at street addresses.

Gloria Wester Photo

Plevna

Small towns on the prairie have long been one of Montana's greatest crops. Plevna, 13 miles west of Baker on Hwy. 12, is a perfect example to visit. It has one cafe/bar, one coffee and sandwich shop, a post office, and a shaded park with tables and playground equipment. An active senior citizens center welcomes guests and the Fire Hall is the location of an annual October sausage supper, which welcomes people from miles around.

Dead Man's Butte, five miles north of Plevna, marks the spot where a stage line driver known as Fritz lost his life. The stage line connected Fort Lincoln, near Bismarck, ND, with Fort Keogh near Miles City.

A Glimpse Into Pre-History



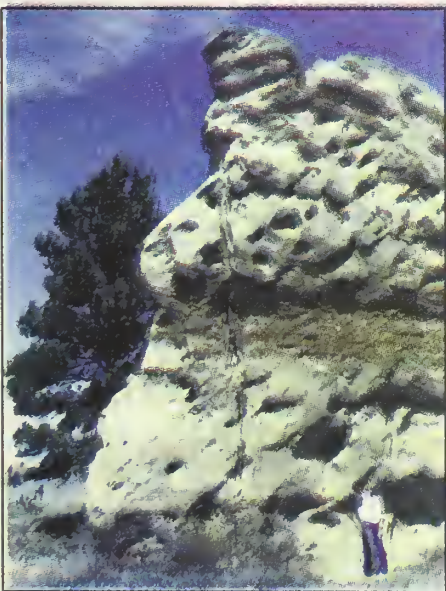
Ekalaka is the county seat of Carter County, population 637. Though small, the community meets the needs of the traveler with two motels, several restaurants, grocery stores, service stations, a collection of Main Street businesses, and a town swimming pool.

Entertainment is simple here. There is no pressure to rush through freeways to huge stadiums. No need to bring your tux. And you won't need to tip the maitre de for the best table.

There's lots of room, lots of time, not a bad table in town, and lots of space. Entertainment comes in measures of peace and quiet.

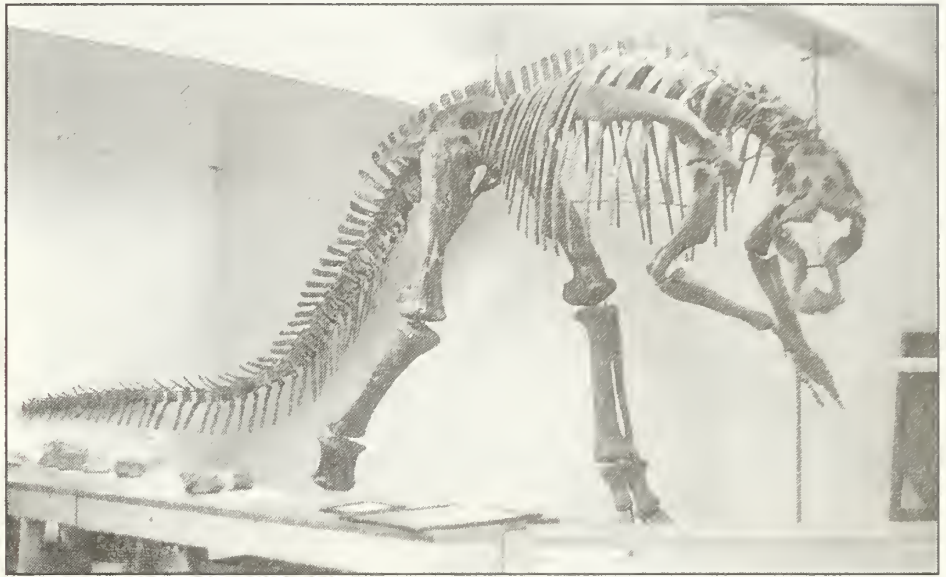
Broncs to Birds

Days of '85 Fair and Rodeo: Not that Ekalakans don't know how to have a good time and whoop it up, occasionally...in between the hard days of work that good farming, ranching and related businesses require.



Wind and water began to sculpt this formation at Medicine Rocks State Park near Ekalaka at the time dinosaurs ruled the earth.

Donna Delp Photo



Located on Ekalaka's Main Street, the Carter County Museum houses fossil remains of dinosaurs that roamed the country 65 million years ago. The most complete skeleton is this *Anatosaurus*, or duck-billed dinosaur. Other museum displays include artifacts used by area residents. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Gloria Wester Photo

The Carter County Days of '85 (1885) Fair and Rodeo Aug. 7-9 is highlighted by horse shows, rodeos, fair exhibits and a parade plus an evening dance. The District 7 Fiddlers traditionally compete on Sunday afternoon.

During the school year visitors are invited to enjoy sports contests and musical presentations at Carter County High School in Ekalaka.

Meadowlark Arrival: The Meadowlark Club of Ekalaka celebrates the arrival of the state bird, the mountain meadowlark, with spring activities. In the fall, there is a farewell to the meadowlark event.

Essential Services

Fly In: The airport, located on the east edge of Ekalaka, offers aerial travelers a 3,500 ft. lighted, paved runway, tie downs and hangars.

Medical: The Dahl Memorial Clinic, Hospital, Pharmacy, and Nursing Home provides medical and pharmaceutical services to residents and guests to the community.

Heading West

Hammond, Boyes: From Alzada on U.S. Highway 212, a traveler can reach the communities of Hammond and Boyes. The Old West Trading Post in

Boyes combines a service station, store and museum-quality display of restored covered wagons, ranch wagons, saddles and artifacts collected over the last 20 years by proprietor "Slug" Mills.

Livestock and Wildlife: Though sheep and cattle production are the primary industries of Carter County, the area produces mule deer, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope, grouse, sage hens, pheasants, trout, bass and bluegill. Wildlife production in Carter County has long enticed sportsmen to the southeastern corner of the state.

1998 in Carter County

Fireworks Display at Belltower;
15 miles south of Ekalaka.....July 4
Youth Rodeo.....July 25
Days of '85 Fair, Rodeo, Working Dog
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Wildlife Habitat

Custer National Forest: Chalk Buttes, Long Pines, and Ekalaka Hills near Ekalaka, are Custer National Forest lands that provide excellent hunting for mule deer, whitetail deer, and wild turkeys. The Long Pines is noted for the Capitol Rock National Natural Landmark. This area also is known for having a very high density of nesting raptors.



Dixie Myhre perpetuates the art of cooking chuck wagon style at her Custer, Montana guest ranch.

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A CowBelle Welcome

"CowBelles" and "Cattlemen" organizations promote the use of beef products by fostering understanding of the nutritional value of beef, by providing good up-to-date recipes, and by supporting projects and activities of local 4-H Clubs.

For free recipes, write to Big Horn County CowBelles, Ethel Herbel, Route #1, Box 1074, Hardin, MT 59034.



Quick Mexican Casserole

This recipe was submitted by 4-H member Kelsey Biermann, of Hardin, Montana.

1 lb. extra-lean ground beef
3 medium-sized flour tortillas
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 16 oz. can refried beans

24 oz. mild picante sauce
1 cup sour cream
3/4 cup chopped green onion
3/4 cup sliced black olives

Brown meat and drain fat. Add refried beans and stir until both are a smooth mixture. Grease the bottom and sides of a 2 quart microwave casserole dish. First layer — place one tortilla on the bottom. Add 1/3 of the meat-bean mixture and spread over the tortilla. Sprinkle 1 cup of the cheese on top and add a portion of picante sauce. Second layer — add another tortilla, 1/3 cup bean-meat mixture, sour cream, 1 cup cheese, onions, black olives, and portion of picante sauce. Top layer— add tortilla, meat-bean mixture, last cup of cheese and remainder of picante sauce. Bake in microwave oven for 8 to 10 minutes until the casserole is hot and bubbly.

Italian Crazy Crust Dinner

This recipe was submitted by Big Horn 89ers 4-H member Melissa Schaak, of Hardin.

Crust: 3/4 cup flour
3/4 cup sour cream
3/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
3/8 cup shortening

Lightly grease and flour bottom and sides of 10" pie tin or baking dish. Combine crust ingredients and mix until blended. Batter will be slightly lumpy. Spread thinly on bottom and thickly up sides of pan.

Filling: 2 lbs. ground beef
12 oz. tomato paste
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
4 oz. can undrained mushrooms
1 1/2 tsp. oregano
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
3/4 cup chopped olives
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. salt
parsley flakes to taste

Combine all filling ingredients except cheese. Mix thoroughly. Spoon into crust and bake 18 to 28 minutes at 425 degrees F. until crust is golden brown. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley flakes. Return to oven to melt cheese.

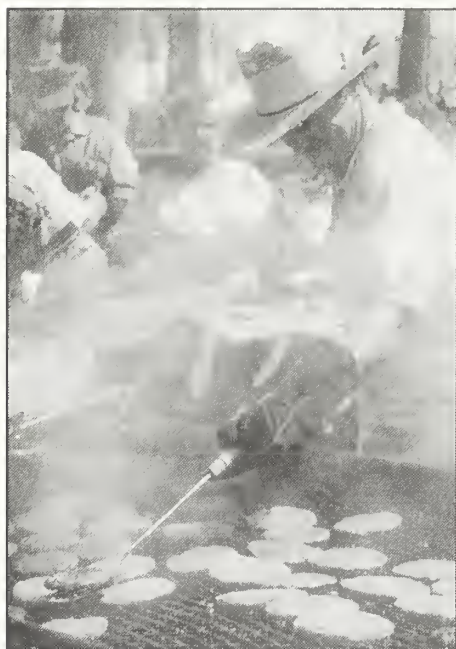
Grilled Herb Mustard Steaks

This recipe is from the Montana Beef Council free Grilled Beef recipes booklet.

2 well-trimmed boneless beef top loin or rib eye steaks cut 1 inch thick (approx. 1 lb.)
Herb Mustard: 2 tsp. water
2 large cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbsp Dijon-style mustard
1 tsp. dried basil leaves
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. dried thyme leaves

In 1-cup glass measure, combine garlic and water; microwave on high 30 seconds. Stir in remaining mustard ingredients; spread onto both sides of beef steaks.

Place steaks on grill over medium ash-covered coals. Grill top loin steaks uncovered 16 to 18 minutes (rib eye steaks 12 to 14 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Season steaks with salt, as desired. Carve steaks crosswise into thick slices.



The taste of the West — beef burgers on an outdoor grill.

John Brewer Photo

Real West Rodeo Action

Rodeo, a truly western sport, began as a result of activities performed by the working cowboy on his day-to-day job. It wasn't long before cowboys began gathering regularly to test their skills and to prove who was the toughest and best rider. Early contests usually took place after the annual roundup.

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1998 Rodeo Schedule

April: NILE - Bud Light Cup Series Bull Ride, MetraPark Arena, Billings .10-11

May: High School Rodeo, Hardin 9-10
Bucking Horse Sale Rodeo,

Miles City 15-17

Kids Rodeo, Alzada 29

Pow-wow and Rodeo,

Lame Deer 30-31

June: Forsyth Rodeo Days (NRA),
Forsyth 5-7

State High School Rodeo,

Miles City 17-21

Little Levi Rodeo, Broadus 27

July: Rodeo, Broadus 4

Rodeo, Glendive 4

Amateur Rodeo, Hardin 4

NRA July 4th Rodeo, Roundup 4

Amateur Rodeo, Terry 4

Northern Cheyenne Rodeo,

Lame Deer 4-6

Ranch Rodeo, Wibaux 5

Richey Rodeo, Richey 19

American Legion Youth Rodeo,

Ekalaka 25

NRA Rodeo, Ingomar 26

August: Days of '85 Rodeo,

Ekalaka 7-9

MontanaFair Rodeo, Billings 8-15

Little Wrangler Rodeo, Miles City ..9

PRCA Rodeo and Fair, Glendive .12-16

Crow Fair and Rodeo,

Crow Agency 13-17

Matched Bronc & Bull Rides,

Broadus 14

Deb Wobig Memorial Barrel Racing,

Hardin 15-16



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PRCA Rodeo & Fair, Miles City .27-30

Wibaux County Fair & Rodeo,

Wibaux 29

September: Team Roping, Custer .6-7

Montana Team Roping Finals,

MetraPark Expo Center, Billings .25-27

October: PRCA NILE Rodeo

Billings 10-17

December: Chase Hawks Memorial

Match Ride, MetraPark, Billings .18-19

Tryan Team Roping, MetraPark,

Billings 31-Jan. 2

February 1999: NRA Rodeo, Metra-

Park, Billings 5-7

1998 Horse Show Schedule

May: NILE Quarter Horse Show &

Sale, MetraPark, Billings 16-17

Royal Lippizaner Wonderful World of

Horses, MetraPark, Billings 23-24

NILE Paint Horse Sale, MetraPark,

Billings 31

June: Arabian Horse Show, MetraPark,

Billings 23-28

July: Tri-County Horse Show,

Roundup 11-13

US Team Ropers Assn. Eastern MT

Championship, Miles City 24-26

August: Horse Racing, MetraPark

Grandstand, Billings 7-Sept. 20

September: Horse Sale & Halter

Futurity, Broadus 5-6

Draft Horse Show, Hardin 19-20

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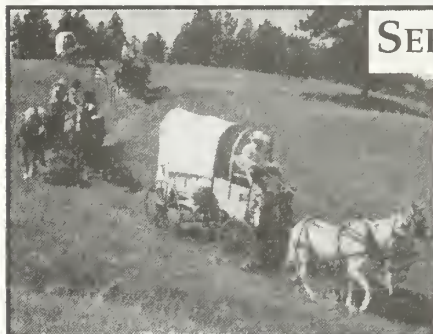
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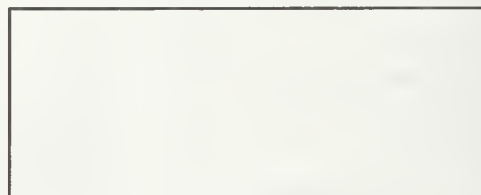
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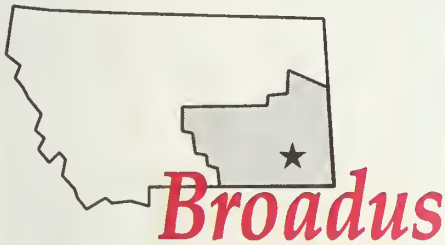


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Tour These Collections

Historical Museum: The Powder River Historical Museum in Broadus is an attraction that will interest the whole family, as well as history buffs. Ladies wearing Centennial dress can sometimes be found greeting visitors at the museum during the summer. Of special interest is the buggy used by Colonel Biddle at least 100 years ago and designed to ford the deeper streams in the area. Among other things, you'll see antique cars and a wonderful collection of pioneer pictures. Housed behind the museum itself is the original county jail, reminiscent of outlaws and rustlers. The jail was used for 60 years before being replaced. There is no charge for enjoying this view of the past.

Mac's Museum: The museum also houses a fine collection of sea shells, minerals and Indian artifacts. This private collection, known as Mac's Museum, was put together by local pioneer, Mac McCurdy.

Wildlife Museum: Powder River Taxidermy & Co. features a large unique collection of wildlife mounts. Taxidermy work is done on location and may be observed in progress.

Business District: Businesses offer Montana handcrafted gifts, antiques, western clothing and tack, groceries and hardware. Services include an ATM, veterinary clinic, airport, and emergency medical care.



Southeastern Montana shows bowhunters scenes some folks only see in their dreams. If, on a day afield, trophies are few, a Montana sunset is reward enough.

Powder River Outfitters Photo

Recreation, Soft or Tough

Golf: Broadus challenges golfers to enjoy the 9-hole grass greens golf course. It offers a putting green, driving range, rental carts and clubs. Or just view the course from the clubhouse.

Park: Take time to stretch your legs and let the kids run. The city park on the edge of town has shade, picnic tables, playground equipment, and lighted tennis courts. A huge divided gazebo provides weather protection for picnics. The town has a swimming pool, bowling alley and camping facilities

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Cattle Drive: You'll be able to say, "I did it all!" when you join the Powder River Wagon Train and Cattle Drive, August 2-7, 1998. You will have a horse of your own to ride and care for, or you can join the train by claiming a seat on a wagon. You can stand beside seasoned cowboys and cowgirls and lend a hand pitching camp, bedding down the herd for the night, and getting the wagons rolling in the morning.

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up an appetite for cowboy coffee, eggs and hotcakes at the chuck wagon. And nothing beats the thick steaks, baked beans and hot biscuits served up in the wide open spaces. Evening campfires are for singing, spinning yarns, and making friends. To join up, dial these area code (406) phone numbers: 436-2404, or 436-2350.

Horses for Sale: The Powder River Quarter Horse Breeders Association will hold a horse sale, halter futurity and superhorse competition Sept. 5-6, 1998. Saturday's feature is the senior quarter horse versatility competition and two-year-old performance futurity at 10 a.m. at the multi-purpose barn.



Reynolds Battlefield National Monument is 35 miles south of Broadus. Here, Colonel Reynolds and his cavalymen clashed with the Sioux.

Bob McCurdy Photo

The yearling halter futurity with a \$10,000 added purse for competitors, followed by the performance horse preview begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. The sale starts at 1 p.m. Call (406) 436-2335.

1998 Events in Broadus

April: 3-D Archery Shoot.....	26
May: Ranch Vacations.....	13-17
June: Powder River Buffalo Shoot.....	6
Ranch Vacations	14-18
3-D Archery Shoot.....	20-21
Little Levi Rodeo (to age 12).....	27
July: Parade, Freedom Run, Rodeo	4
Ranch Vacations	14-18
Aug.: Powder River Wagon Train...2-7	
3-D Archery Shoot.....	9
Ranch Vacations	11-15
Powder River County Fair.....	13-15
Matched Bronc & Bull Ride	14
Sept.: Quarter horse Show & Sale.....	1
Horse Sale & Halter Futurity.....	5-6
Sr. Quarter Horse Versatility Competition & 2-Yr.-Old Performance Futurity	Sept. 5
Yearling Halter Futurity	
Performance Horse Preview	
Sale & 1998 Halter Futurity .	Sept. 6
Ranch Vacations	15-19
Quilt Show.....	19
Dec.: Christmas Stroll	7

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A point of interest maintained by the Powder River County Historical Society is Boot Hill Cemetery, west of the present Powderville Post Office, which was established in 1872.

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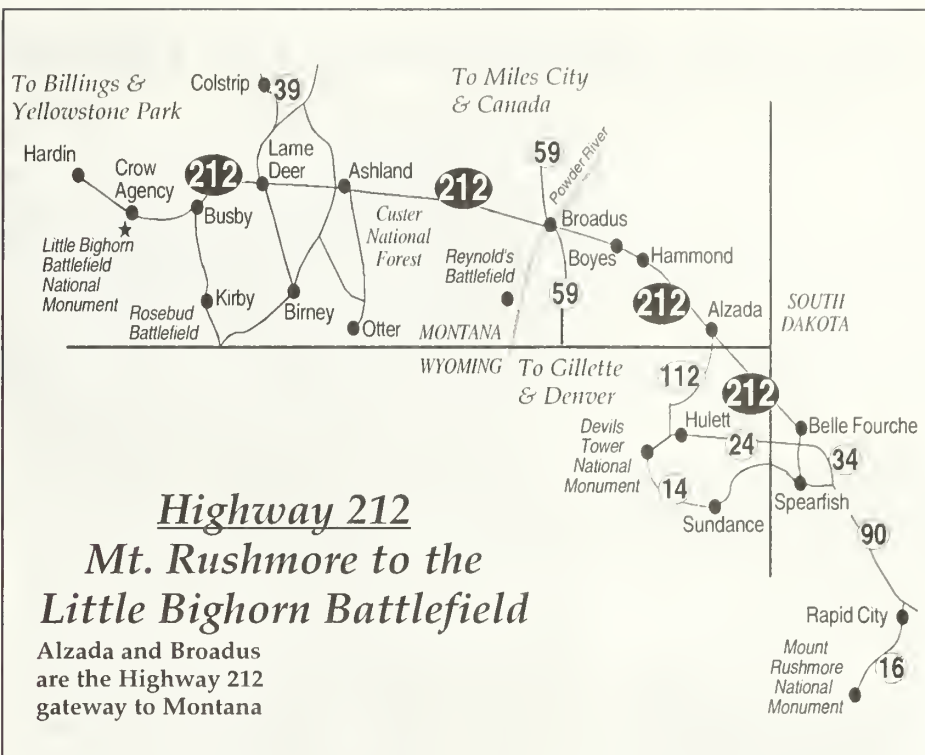
Alzada

Alzada, settled in the late 1870s by pioneers who wanted to raise cattle, is on the banks of the Little Missouri River in the southeastern corner of Montana.

A telegraph line linked a saloon and a small general store established in 1877 to the distant world. The town was originally named Stoneville for the 1880 postmaster, Lewis Stone. In 1885 the name was changed to Alzada. It was a stage stop between Deadwood, SD and Miles City, MT.

In Alzada's early days, the cattle rustler and the horse thief operated at will, much to the hardship and expense of the ranchers. The most notorious and boldest were the Exelby Gang. Beginning their "operations" in 1877, the gang rustled for several years. Eventually, a series of events including rustling, arrests, an attempted rescue, and exchanges of gunfire culminated in the "1884 Shootout at Stoneville" and the ultimate breakup of the Exelby Gang.

The Alzada Kids Rodeo is the last Friday of May, in 1998 — May 29.



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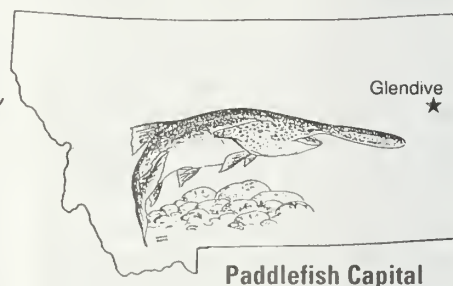
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'Where the Best Begins'

Get ready to feel western at the professional rodeo action at the Dawson County Fair each August and the Dawson College Rodeo in September.

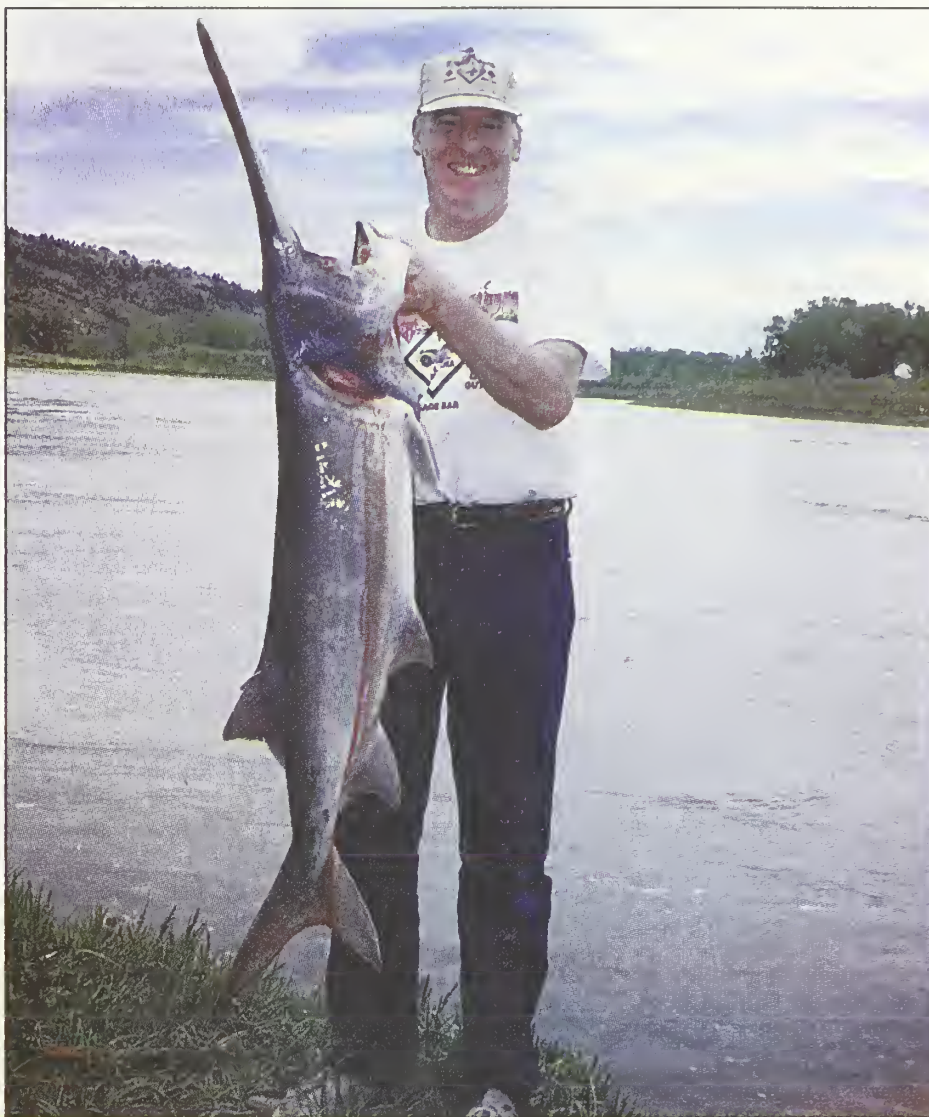
Hunters return to Eastern Montana year after year to take advantage of herds of deer and antelope and excellent game birds. Fishermen and women flock to snag the unbelievable prehistoric paddlefish and to hook their share of walleye, catfish, sauger, northern pike, ling, sturgeon and the occasional trout, not to mention the rough fish — mainly the goldeye, carp, chub and bullheads.

Glendive also offers opportunities for golfing, swimming, agate and fossil hunting, boating, hiking, biking and camping.

Superhost Invitation

A sign leading into Glendive boasts the town's status as a "Superhost" community. The people of the area make sure it lives up to the title. The friendly citizens extend a warm welcome and are more than willing to point out all the following attractions:

Makoshika State Park: Montana's largest state park gem offers a step back into a time of dinosaurs. The park is located on the outskirts of Glendive and encompasses over 8,000 acres. An interactive visitor center has a triceratops dinosaur skeleton head and frill, which was found in the area. Recently, other full fossilized skeletons have been excavated and sent to the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana for study and display. The soft rock strata of the area has been carved by time into the wondrous and



Fishermen snag huge prehistoric paddlefish on the lower Yellowstone River in Montana. Good to eat, they also produce fine caviar.

Dr. Mike Wheeler Photo

rugged formations of the badlands.

Makoshika offers 10 developed picnic sites with tables and grills and beautiful views. A \$4 per day use fee is charged.

Frontier Gateway Museum: Step through the doors and take a giant step back in time. Wander among dinosaur fossils, Indian artifacts, farm machinery and blacksmith tools. One of the most popular exhibits is "Merrill West," which is a walkway through a replica of the businesses which lined Glendive's business district in the late 1800s. A restored sheep wagon, a rural school house, a log cabin, a windmill pump, a smithy shop and a restored 1916 fire truck are displayed.

Historic Bell Street Bridge: Built first

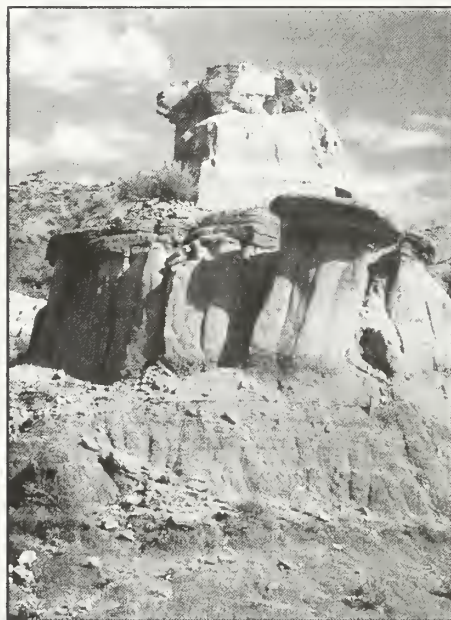
in 1894, destroyed by an 1899 ice jam, and rebuilt 1924-26, the Bell Street Bridge is one of the longest of its kind in Montana. It has been preserved for its engineering accomplishment and significant role in the commercial development of the area. An annual September celebration commemorates the local landmark.

Work is in progress to return it to its original glory. New glowing street lamps guide visitors along its path, now a pedestrian walkway.

Walking Tour: A self-guided walking tour of Glendive's Downtown Historic District leads past many buildings listed in the National Register of Historic places. Guide brochures are available at Glendive Chamber of

Commerce, 313 S. Merrill, located in the new community center in the heart of downtown Glendive.

Lewis and Clark Trail: In 1804, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began from St. Louis, heading up the Missouri River and continuing on to the west coast. Captain William Clark and party stopped at various points along the



Located on the southeastern edge of Glendive is Makoshika State Park. The name is Sioux and means bad earth or bad lands. Makoshika is a special place where the evolution of the planet earth and its plant and animal life—for nearly 80 million years—can be read. Among the carved rock formations are the fossilized remains of plants and animals from the age of reptiles. Visible here is evidence of the first mammals, the great ice age, primitive tribes, and the Indian culture.

Erbin Richert Photo

Yellowstone River to camp, make canoes and record their historic journey. The Lewis and Clark Trail markers point out the route.

The Gallery: Works of artists from Glendive and other parts of eastern Montana are on exhibit at the new gallery located in the West Plaza shopping mall in West Glendive. Free.

Learn All About It

From kinder to elder ages, people learn through enjoyable experiences and institutions in Glendive.

Glendive Visitors Guide: An annual guide to the area is published by the local newspaper. It is available at visitor information locations in Glendive.

Historic Books: "Our Times, Our Lives," published by the Tree Branches Genealogy Club of Glendive, has a history of Dawson County families and

communities. The book contains more than 1,000 pages, including a list of births, marriages, homestead filings, and personal stories of over 1,200 area families. It is \$25 at the chamber.

Dawson Community College: Serving the educational needs of eastern Montana, Dawson Community College in Glendive is a comprehensive two-year college offering education at all levels and is a focal point in the community for the arts and services.

Elderhostels: Thousands of senior citizens all over the world combine travel with educational experiences by participating in Elderhostels. Each year Dawson Community College sponsors Elderhostels, which feature living in college dormitories, listening to lectures, and taking field trips, hikes and going on agate hunting expeditions.

Glendive Public Library: An extensive collection of Montana books and authors, local histories, and local newspapers back to 1882 is offered at Glendive's library at 200 S. Kendrick, (406) 365-3633.

Adventures and Relaxation

Dining and Entertainment: Whether the appetite calls for fast food, fine Italian cuisine or a Montana beef steak, Glendive has it. Casinos flourish and offer poker and keno. Lounges offer dancing and pool tables.

Shopping: From large chain stores to locally owned tiny antique and gift boutiques, shopping is an adventure.

Paddlefishing: Snag the prehistoric non-skeletal fish near Intake, 17 miles north of Glendive. Your catch, good to eat, may weigh up to 100 pounds. The females have quality caviar. A Montana fishing license and a special tag are needed.

Golf: The Cottonwood Country Club is a beautiful and challenging nine-hole course. Take Sidney Highway #16 North, then turn at Highland Park Rd. and watch for golf course signs. Visitors are welcome and are urged to call (406) 365-8797 for tee-times.

Agate Hunts: Choice Montana agates are plentiful, as well as fossil remains of prehistoric creatures and Indian artifacts. Montana moss agates occur in creek bottoms, gravel beds, and along banks of the Yellowstone River running through Glendive. The area is renowned worldwide for the quality and abundance of plume and moss agates found on its shores.

The Best Western Jordan Inn has a fine display of exquisite agates. The

Chamber of Commerce also has a display and the names of several local agate dealers and retailers. Guided rock hound boat tours are available.

Jaycee West Park: This easy-access park offers tennis courts, picnic area, basketball, horseshoes, restrooms, and an RV dump station. It is a shady picnic area next to the Yellowstone River on Towne Street.

Lloyd Square Park: In the center of the city, this park is an oasis of picnic grounds, heated pool with separate diving and wading areas, tennis courts, horseshoes, basketball, restrooms, and a playground area.

1998 Events in Glendive

April: Spring Fling '98 Home, Garden, and Sports Expo.....4,5
May: Quilt Show 2
 Annual City-wide Garage Sale.....9
 Paddlefish Season May 15-June 30
June: Annual Buzzard Day at Makoshika State Park 13
 Badlands Drifters Car Club's "Cars in the Park" Show 27
July: Independence Day Celebration 4 Bluegrass Festival TBA
Aug.: Dawson County Fair and Rodeo 12-16
 Makoshika Melodrama.....22
Sept.: Heritage Day Celebration 20
Nov.: Holiday Light Parade.....27

Richey

Richey, Montana, north of Glendive, lies in the center of a productive area. This is cattle and sheep country, with wheat, oats and barley being the main farm crops. A lively little friendly town, Richey has a variety of businesses to serve the visitor, a new post office, and a museum where you can check out the history of the area.

The Richey Historical Museum has over 5,000 articles of historic interest, including a Model A mail car, a blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, and newspaper files from 1916 to 1948. Special articles of clothing on display are wedding dresses, World War I and II uniforms, and coats made of buffalo hide, horsehide, raccoon and muskrat. There are washboards and wheelchairs, spinning wheels and musical instruments, and books containing pictures and stories of local pioneers, veterans and churches.

Events: Fun events in 1998 are the spring Richey High School Rodeo, Family Day Vintage Car Run on June 7, and the Annual Richey Rodeo, July 19, 1998.

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Bonny and Dick Milligan of Bozeman, MT

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The Yellowstone Intake Diversion Dam, 17 miles north of Glendive, MT, has become the "Paddlefishing and Caviar Capital." From approximately May 15 through June 30, paddlefish run in these murky, roily waters of the Yellowstone River. To fish, besides your regular license, you need a paddlefish tag (this is for a limit of one fish); and heavy duty tackle—6/0 to 10/0 treble hooks, 40-80# test line, a heavy surf rod 8-12 ft., a heavy duty salt water spinning reel or star-drag

reel, and 4-6 oz. weights. Despite their diet of zooplankton, which are microscopic aquatic organisms, adult paddlefish may weigh from 40-100 pounds and are very good to eat.

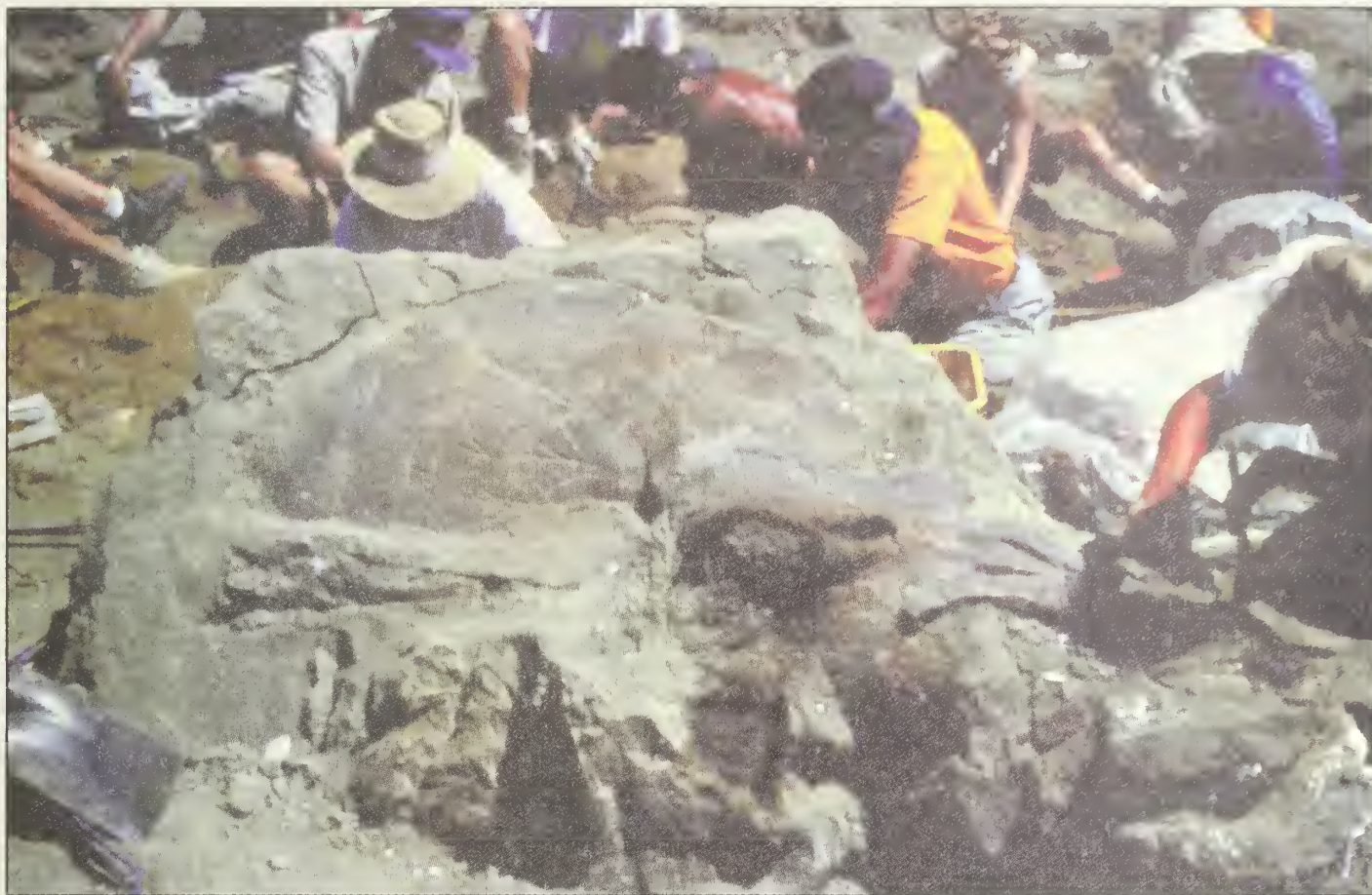
Fisheries biologists' studies from 1973-1992 indicate that only five percent of the total paddlefish population is harvested each year and spring snaggers do not harm the total population.

Since 1990, paddlefish roe has been collected by the Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. The caviar is processed in Glendive and shipped to caviar buyers where it finds its way to exclusive restaurants and cruise line



diners. Proceeds are used for research and improvement of fishing access sites by FW&P. Other profits have benefited historical, cultural and recreational projects in the Custer Country region.

For more information, call the Glendive Chamber of Commerce, 406-365-5601.



Digging crews carefully moved 400 yards of soil to expose and remove the triceratops skull and body parts that were transported to the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, MT, for preservation. The skeleton is on display at the new Makoshika State Park Visitor Center in Glendive.

Mike Sullivan Photo

Dinosaurs Roamed in Prehistoric Montana

Custer Country is rich in dinosaur finds. Casual visitors and professional paleontologists alike have discovered significant specimens in Glendive, Baker, Ekalaka, and Hysham.

During August of 1990, the Milwaukee Public Museum conducted a surface study to determine what caused the demise of the dinosaur in the Hell Creek formation near Makoshika State Park in Glendive.

The Hell Creek Formation, a vast rock layer that covers parts of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah, is the last rock layer in which one can find dinosaur fossils in Montana.

One of the Milwaukee Public Museums' volunteers, Irv Ladish, was taking a break and nearly sat on what looked like, and later proved to be, a triceratops dinosaur's brow tine.

Through the generosity of the Milwaukee Museum, the skull was donated to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The skull

is on permanent display in the Makoshika State Park Visitor Center.

Both large and small dinosaurs are important characters in the story of earth's eras. In 1997, Makoshika volunteer host Larry Boychuk took a historic hike. His valuable discovery was a rare *Thescelosaurus* (thes-kel-oh-SORE-us) in the badlands park.

The five-toed "wonderful lizard" appears to be slower-moving than its hypsilophodont relatives, since its thigh bones are as long as its shin bones. In the family of medium-sized dinosaurs, six to 16 feet, that flourished from the Middle Jurassic to Late Cretaceous period, Makoshika's *Thescelosaurus* is 11 feet long.

The skeleton and its hard sandstone encasement have been air-lifted to the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, where renowned dinosaur expert Jack Horner and his team will release the bony fossil from its sandstone lair. The prepared skeleton will remain in Bozeman for ongoing research. A cast of the specimen will eventually be dis-

played at Makoshika.

"We've long known that Montana's state parks preserve priceless relics of the past. Yet the Makoshika finds prove that we have yet to discover all the treasures of the parks," said park manager Chris Lorentz.

Sixty-five million years after an *Edmontosaurus*, a duckbilled dinosaur, died in a stream west of Hysham, a young 1994 member of the Student Conservation Association, conducting surveys for the Bureau of Land Management, stumbled onto its bones protruding from a sandstone formation. Horner and his crew were called in again.

While excavating the dinosaur bones, researchers discovered the fossil remains of palm leaves embedded in the same layer of rock as the dinosaur. This was the first time palms and hadrosaurs had been conclusively proven to coexist in this area.

Baker and Ekalaka areas have also recorded important dinosaur finds.

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Prairie Photographer Captured Area History



A British lady, her naturalist husband, and her unwieldy 5x7 Graflex camera moved to Terry, Montana in the 1800's. "Lady" Evelyn Cameron took startlingly clear pictures of everything: cowboys, sheepherders, weddings, river crossings, freight wagons, people working, badlands, eagles, coyotes and wolves.

Historic Discovery: Through her camera lens Terry was recorded for posterity. That posterity has turned into national acclaim for the area through the work of former Time-Life Books editor, Donna Lucey. In the late 1970's, Lucey discovered thousands of Cameron's photo-negatives stashed away in the basement of Cameron's best friend's home. Lucey quickly realized she had discovered a treasure trove of masterpieces chronicling the lives of Terry's early settlers.

After years of sorting the photographs and studying Cameron's meticulously-kept diaries, Lucey published "Photographing Montana 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn

Cameron," a photo-book that beautifully depicts Cameron's photographic genius and her unique personality. National magazines and television networks carried stories on the unusual frontier photographer.

Gallery and Museum: Now, large, crisp copies of the photographs that made her famous are on display in Terry at the new Cameron Gallery. The collection is a stunning portrayal of the everyday lives of eastern Montana homesteaders. Free.

More of Cameron's photos, as well as some of her personal effects, are on display at the Prairie County Museum.

Prairie County Museum is housed in the old State Bank of Terry, an antique treasure itself, with beautiful marble floors and paneling, fine woodwork and lovely glass. It is filled with displays of historic interest: tools, appliances, small machines, and horse and buggy equipment. A dentist office, barber shop, butcher shop, one-room school, library, hospital room, laundry, kitchen, dining room and bedroom date back to the turn of the century. Also on display are thousands of old photographs, including some from the famous Lady Evelyn Cameron collection, and an extensive manuscript file is being built.

Museum members are helpful to tourists and to past residents searching out historical sites and places of inter-

est. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, six days a week (Wednesday through Monday, closed Tuesday).

River Gems: Terry is nestled against the Yellowstone River in the heart of agate country, where people come from all over the United States to hunt along the river, the creeks and nearby hills, gathering the translucent rock with the rough skin. The agate can be clear, spotty, banded, almost black or dendritic. Slabbed with a diamond saw, the rocks are mostly used for jewelry, wind chimes, lamp shades and coffee tables.

Petrified and agatized wood and colored jaspers are common in this area. Hunting for these treasures can make a pleasant day, but be sure to ask permission from the owner when hunting gems on private land.

The Yellowstone River at this point is also known as one of the easy-floating rivers, with currents at 4.7 mph, ideal for the novice or the pro-floater, with scenery and wildlife abundant. Enjoy hunting and fishing at their best in Terry Country, Prairie County.

Historic Sites: Take a short drive up the "Scenic View" road northwest of Terry to see the famed "Badlands." Terry country is also rich in history. Travel to the famed base camp area of the Custer Expedition and visit the graves of soldiers who died from wounds received in the Battle of the Little Bighorn and where the Far West steamboat docked. Thirty-five miles north of Terry is the location of the battle between General Miles and Sitting Bull.

Services and Entertainment

Nostalgia: When is the last time you drove through the ticket window, put the speaker in your car window and leaned back to watch a movie? You can still enjoy popcorn under the stars at an outdoor theater in Terry. It is one of the last of its kind in the country.

Hospitality: Terry offers a hospital, airport, churches, rifle range, outdoor theater, museum, historic hotel, motel, campgrounds, tow service, locker plant, a variety of stores, bars and cafes, a newspaper, beauty salons, an agate shop, and a helping hand, if needed.

1998 Events in Terry

Amateur Rodeo.....July 4
Terry Yippee Day,
3 1/2K and 5K runs July 25
Prairie County Fair.....Aug. 20-23



Lady Evelyn Cameron used her large format Graflex camera to record the 1894 to 1928 history of the Terry region. When this bread dough is ready, it will be baked in the heavy cast iron stove's oven.

Photo courtesy of Prairie County Museum

Hunting

The West's Great Heritage



Custer's Last Hunt? Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer is pictured here with a six point bull elk. The wild game the cavalry encountered helped feed the troops as they rode and camped through the West. Custer wrote under this picture: "For my friend, J H. Beard...G. Custer."

Photo courtesy of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Archives

Over four million acres of land in southeastern Montana is opened to hunting game species. Here's how.

For hunters looking for a place to hunt on private lands in eastern Montana, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks' enhanced Block Management Program assists in providing hunters access to private land.

These enrollment agreements provide opportunities that range from large walk-in areas for deer, elk, and antelope hunting, to smaller, combined ranch acreages for hunters seeking upland gamebirds and waterfowl.

Over 2.4 million acres of private land are contracted under the Block Management Program in Region 7 (Miles City area) alone for hunting. An additional 800,000-plus acres of public lands adjacent to the block management areas are also open to hunting.

Region 5 (Billings area) has 600,000 private acres and 200,000 public acres in the program.

A total of 7.6 million acres is open to access statewide. In 1996, \$1.7 million compensated landowner participants.

There is no charge to hunters to use any of the block management units. The program has existed since the early 1980s. In 1996 additional funding, made available through the sale of special nonresident hunting licenses sold to hunters who use the services of outfitters, allowed the program to more than double in size.

FW&P prints a Block Management index and maps publication. It lists the block management units in reference to location, contact persons, hunting opportunities, and other information. To request a copy of the southeastern Montana bulletins, write to: Block Management Program, Montana FW&P, Box 1630, Miles City,

MT 59301 or call (406) 232-0900.

Maps: To acquire maps and access information in Region 5, southcentral Montana, write to: Block Management Program, Montana FW&P, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105, or phone (406) 247-2940. Phone calls are welcomed to offer the most current information.

Hunters should make early contact with landowners.

BLM Lands: Bureau of Land Management lands are also open to hunting. To acquire maps of these lands, contact the BLM offices at P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107, (406) 255-2885; or 111 Gary Owen Rd, Miles City, MT 59301 (406) 232-4331.

Outfitters: Though trophy animals may be bagged without a guide and outfitter, many hunters enjoy success, thanks to the expertise of the people who make spotting game, especially exceptional game, their business. State publications list the licensed guides and outfitters throughout Montana. Write to: Travel Montana, P.O. Box 200533, Helena, MT 59620-0533, or in state call (406) 444-2654. Nonresidents call toll free 1 - 800 - 847-4868.

Applications and Regulations: Hunters are also encouraged to write the Billings and Miles City FW&P offices for a complete booklet of current Montana hunting regulations and applications for out-of-state licenses. These are also available at any authorized license outlet, including many sporting goods stores and convenience stores.

24-Hour FW&P Information Line: The Region 5 Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters now offers information on a 24-hour phone line. For current facts on seasons, quotas and other seasonal items call (406) 247-2970.

Limitations and Permission: Certain hunting and fishing waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife Refuges may have special rules. Get specific information from the headquarters of the parks, reservation or refuge involved.

Montanans insist on offering hospitality. In fact, where hunting is concerned, IT'S THE LAW. "Permission to Hunt Big Game—Montana law requires that hunters must have permission of the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not."

License Fees & Seasons

Listed here are the license fees for hunting in Montana in 1998. Fishing license information is on page 98.

License or Permit Name.....Cost

Resident:

Conservation	\$4
Antelope	\$14
Bighorn Sheep	\$78
Bird	\$6
Black Bear	\$15
Bow and Arrow	\$8
Elk	\$16
Deer A	\$13
Deer B (only whitetail antlerless).....	\$8
Fishing.....	\$13
Migratory Game Bird Stamp.....	\$5
Moose	\$78
Mountain Goat.....	\$78
Mountain Lion	\$15
Mountain Lion Trophy.....	\$50
Paddlefish	\$2.50
Sportsman.....	\$64
Sportsman without Black Bear.....	\$54
Turkey.....	\$5
Upland Game Bird	\$6
Waterfowl	\$5

Nonresident:

Conservation	\$5
Antelope	\$153
Bighorn Sheep	\$478
Bird	\$55
Black Bear	\$120
Bow and Arrow	\$8
Deer Combo	\$248
Deer Combo, Outfitter.....	\$720
Deer Combo, Landowner.....	\$253
Deer B.....	\$53
Big Game Combo, General	\$478
Big Game Combo, Outfitter.....	\$835
Elk Combo General (no deer tag).....	\$428
Elk Combo Outfitter (no deer tag)	\$735
Fish, 2 day	\$10
Fish, season	\$45
Migratory Game Bird Stamp.....	\$5
Moose	\$478
Mountain Goat.....	\$478
Mountain Lion	\$320
Paddlefish.....	\$7.50
Sheep	\$478
Turkey.....	\$13
Upland Game Bird	\$55
Waterfowl	\$5

Youth and Bowhunter Education Required

All licenses are non-refundable and non-transferable. All hunters ages 12-17 years who want to bowhunt in Montana must show proof of completing a hunter education program before purchasing any hunting license. All bowhunters ages 12-17 years must show proof of completing a course from the National Bowhunter Education Program, in addition to their Hunter Education card. Adults (18 or older) must show proof of an NBEP Bowhunter Education Certificate or present any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit or license from any state or province to purchase a Montana bow and arrow license.

1998 Big Game Seasons

Backcountry deer/elk.....	Sept. 15-Nov. 29
General Deer/elk (gun)	Oct. 25-Nov. 29
Antelope (gun).....	Oct. 11-Nov. 8
Moose	Sept. 15-Nov. 29
Goat	Sept. 1-Nov. 29
Bighorn Sheep.....	Sept. 1-Nov. 29
Deer/elk archery.....	Sept. 5-Oct. 18
Antelope archery	Sept. 5-Oct. 10
Black bear (Spring).....	April 15-May 31
Black bear (Fall)	Sept. 15-Nov. 29
Mountain Lion (hunt) Dec. 1, 1998-April 30, 1999(tent.)	
Mountain Lion (chase)Feb. 16, 1999-April 30, 1999(tent.)	

Upland Game Bird & Falconry Seasons, 1998 (Tentative)

Sage Grouse.....	Sept. 1-Nov. 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
Mountain Grouse	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
Mourning Doves.....	Sept. 1-Oct. 30
Common (Wilson's) Snipe.....	Sept. 1-Dec. 16
Sandhill Crane (Pacific Flyway)	Sept. 13-14, 20-21
Sandhill Crane (Central Flyway)	Sept. 28-Nov. 24
Partridge	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
Ring-Necked Pheasant.....	Oct. 17-Dec. 15
Merriam's Wild Turkey	Fall..Sept. 1-Dec. 15
.....	Spring..April 11-May 10

(Some areas by permit only. Check regulations)

Falconry Season:

Falconry Upland Game Birds (except turkey)	TBA*
Falconry Mourning Doves	TBA*

*TBA—These season dates are determined by federal season dates which are not available at press time. Please contact the FW&P offices listed on page 126.

Blue Means "State Lands"

On most ownership and access maps produced by Montana agencies, state lands—usually sections 16 and 36—are the squares colored blue. Use or access of any of these lands requires a Recreational Use License. This license may be purchased at any FW&P office or at any license agent. The cost is \$10 for ages 18-59, \$5 for ages 12-17 and over 60, no charge age 12 and under, and \$20 for a family (up to six people) permit. Individual licenses are available from any FW&P license agent. For family licenses write to the regional offices listed on page 126. Phone (406) 444-2074.

Poacher Hotline

Regulations violators are just about as unpopular in Montana as locusts on ripe wheat.

TIP-MONT is the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks' toll-free "Turn in Poachers, Montana" hotline. The program is sportsman-financed. The money to fund it comes out of the general license revenue. The calls that come in are primarily from sportsmen and -women themselves.

Calls have led to the arrest and conviction of deer, bear, elk, moose and upland game bird regulations violators. The department averages ten calls per week. Callers may remain anonymous and do not have to testify in court.

TIP-MONT calls have resulted in the successful prosecution and fining of many violators, and rewards, accounting for over half of the program's operating budget, have been substantial.

The 24-hour toll-free hotline number is 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668).

Record Game Animals

Boone and Crockett, the record book for big game trophies taken with a rifle, and Pope & Young, the record book for bow hunting, are both dotted with numerous listings tagged by Montana hunters.

Though bears and mountain lions are measured by weight, most animals are measured by their antlers or horns.

The bony structures appearing on heads of male deer, elk and moose are more correctly called antlers, while sheep and goats of both sexes have horns. Antlers are shed and regrown each year. Horns are kept through the life of the animal and grow continually from the base. Antelope of both sexes have a horn of epidermal origin that is cast and replaced each year.

Antlers are an amazing structure, considering the physiological programming that is accomplished in an annual rhythm. Antlers originate from the pedicles (bony prominences) on top of the skull and begin with a slight swelling, which progressively grows into knobs, to a bulbous growth and finally into a specific antler.

Throughout their growth the antlers are composed of a soft spongy mass encased in a covering of soft hairy skin which has a complete system of blood vessels.

When fully grown the antlers begin to harden, and the velvet which conveys blood and nourishment is pinched off at the base and dries up. The skin is no longer of any use and begins to peel. The animal soon rubs the dried velvet off against tree branches and trunks.

A deer with two tines on each side is a two-point or fork-horn. A deer with four tines is a four-point. Four on one side and five on the other is a four-by-five. Elk are similarly referenced. A six-by-six elk is a "royal," a seven-by-seven an "imperial," and an eight-by-eight a "monarch."

A complete book, "Montana's Big Game Trophies," for all species is available from the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620. The book (plus shipping and handling) is under \$10. The book also details the methods of scoring and trophy body weights.

Game Check Stations

Montana law says all hunters must stop at game check stations. Hunters going to the field or hunters coming home, hunters who harvested an ani-



Antlers grow big in southeastern Montana. The record books hold the names of hunters who have tagged huge whitetail and mule deer in the Custer Country region. This hunter was thrilled with a typical four-point mule deer buck, a personal trophy for him.

Last Stand Outfitters Photo

mal, and those who didn't must all stop at check stations. There are three kinds of check stations.

One is a biological check station. Biologists look at deer, elk, and antelope teeth to tell the age. They check the fat to note the animal's health. They clip off bird wings to determine the number of adults compared to juveniles and males to females. They gather the parts and pieces that, when looked at in a study, give a rough picture of how the animals they are checking are faring in that part of Montana.

The second type of check station is a law enforcement stop. It is staffed by game wardens who see to it that state game regulations have been followed during the hunt. The game tags must have the proper month and date snipped out. Evidence of the animal's sex must somehow still be attached to the carcass. (This sometimes causes the hunter to become a creative animal skinner bound to follow the letter of the "show sex" law.)

Third are combination check stations, staffed by biologists and game wardens. The wardens and biologists process people through as quickly as possible to get them on the road again.

Residency Required

Are you wondering whether you qualify as a Montana resident or non-resident sports license buyer?

Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials report that state law requires anyone purchasing resident licenses to have been a resident of the state for a period of six months immediately prior to the date those licenses are purchased.

According to a department spokesman, residency is determined by a union of act and intent in addition to the required six months of physical residence and presence as a resident of Montana. Union of act and intent is demonstrated by several factors—paying Montana income taxes, possessing a Montana driver's license, having Montana license plates, maintaining a home and voting in Montana.

Anyone with questions concerning individual circumstances should contact the local game warden of any Fish, Wildlife and Parks office for assistance.

Over-The-Counter Licenses

Both residents and nonresidents may buy "B" whitetail deer licenses over-the-counter.

All regional FW&P offices carry the licenses, as do the license dealers in the regions where they are valid. Anyone with a Montana conservation license is entitled to buy one whitetail B over-the-counter license. The cost of the license is \$8 for residents and \$53 for nonresidents.

The license is valid only in a single

region. Hunting regions that have over-the-counter licenses available are 3, 4, 6, and 7. Some exceptions may apply in each region.

Contact the FW&P offices listed on page 126 to receive a copy of the complete regulations. The licenses are valid during the regular hunting season in Montana.

All waterfowl and upland game bird licenses may be purchased over-the-counter.

Waterfowl and Upland Game Birds

Many species of waterfowl and upland game birds may be hunted in Montana. Several licenses are required. The general conservation license is a prerequisite for all licenses. It costs \$4 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. The upland game bird license is \$6 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents. The turkey license is a separate license at an additional \$13 for nonresidents and \$5 for residents. Wild turkeys are abundant in many areas of Custer Country. To hunt waterfowl, both a Federal Waterfowl Stamp and a Montana Migratory Game Bird Stamp are required. The Montana stamp costs \$5 for residents and nonresidents. The Federal Stamp is \$15.

For a complete guide of seasons and regulations, write to the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices in Custer Country. Turn to page 126 for address information.

Waterfowl Stamp

Victor, MT artist Joe Thornbrugh won Montana's 1998 state waterfowl stamp contest. His painting of a pair of gadwalls in a prairie pothole setting is his fifth winning entry since Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks implemented a stamp fee in 1986. His entries also were selected in 1986, 1990, 1991 and 1997.

Thornbrugh is a full-time artist whose paintings divulge the painstaking research he undertakes on his subjects before he ever places a brush on canvas. His paintings also reflect his life-long interest in wildlife, particularly waterfowl and other birds, his favorite artistic subjects.

Proceeds from sales of the stamps and related artwork each year are used to fund waterfowl habitat improvement projects and to develop and enhance wetlands and adjacent uplands for the long-term benefit of waterfowl and other wildlife on cooperative private, federal and state-owned lands in Montana. Nearly \$2 million has been spent for these projects since 1986.

The stamp is available to anyone for \$5. Write to Duck Stamps, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

Disability Access

For a number of recreation enthusiasts, disabilities can make participating in the state's recreational abundance difficult or impossible.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has embarked on a major new program that addresses the needs and rights of recreationists with disabilities.

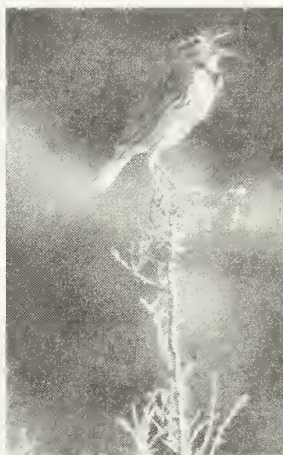
The program is called "Crossing the Barriers."

At all FW&P regional offices, the department's headquarters in Helena, and over 40 FW&P-administered sites around the state, parking areas, restrooms and trails have undergone accessibility improvements over the past four years. Through the help of a state study group, the improvements will continue.



Hunters, photographers and bird watchers alike are awed by the thousands of geese that migrate through the Central Flyway in Montana.

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Prairie Vocalist

The Montana state bird is the mountain meadowlark. Besides being a fun bird species to spot, the meadowlark has an unmistakable song.

When watching for the meadowlark, look across the prairies, cultivated meadows, valleys and grassy plains all across the state. You will note the unmistakable yellow breast, set off by a black swath—like a bandana—draped around the bird's neck.

In April or May, meadowlarks build their nests on the ground among grasses, where they lay three to seven eggs. Working together, the pairs first find or scratch out a depression in the grass, and carefully line the nest with a layer of coarse grass, followed by fine grass and hair.

Then they construct a grass roof, woven into surrounding vegetation and finish with an entrance hole on one side.

If a nest is destroyed by mowing or other mishap early in the nesting season, the hardy birds start over.

Montana takes care of the meadowlark and other such animals in its "Nongame Wildlife Program."

The "Montana Bird Distribution Guide" was updated for 1997. It can be purchased through the Montana Audubon Society, P.O. Box 595, Helena, MT 59624 for \$8 plus \$2 shipping and handling.

Public Lands

State and Federal Lands in Custer Country Offer Recreational Opportunities for All



Pictograph Cave State Park visitors learn about the pictures in the sandstone and about the people who made them.

Photo courtesy of Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

State Parks

Listed below is a summary of the eight State Parks in the Custer Country region. "Great Escapes," a guide to Montana's State Parks, by Rick Newby, with more detailed information is available by contacting the Parks Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, Montana 59105, 252-4654 or Highway 10 West, Miles City, Montana 59301, 232-0900. The book sells for \$10.

Variations are listed below by area.

MAKOSHIKA

The name Makoshika (Ma-ko'-shika) is a variant spelling of a Lakota phrase meaning land or bad spirits. Today the badlands of Makoshika are set aside for visitors to see and enjoy. In addition to the pine-and-juniper-studded badlands formations, the park also holds the fossil remains of such dinosaurs as tyrannosaurus and triceratops. A visitor center at the park entrance houses a triceratops skull and other badlands interpretive displays. Included within the park are an archery range, scenic drives and nature trails, a campground, a group picnic area, and many picnic sites. (On Snyder Ave. in Glendive; 8,832 acres; 2,069' el. (406) 365-MAKO {6256}.)

The park is open 365 days a year. The visitor center is open daily; from Memorial Day through Labor Day 10-6; from Labor Day to Memorial Day 9-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun.

Fees: Daily entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle or \$1 walk-in. \$7.00 per night camping fee plus entrance fee. \$20.00 (\$24.00 nonresident) annual vehicle entrance passport good at all state parks. Call for group use rates.

MEDICINE ROCKS

As its name implies, Medicine Rocks was a place of "big medicine" where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. "As fantastically beautiful a place as I have ever seen," said one of its first tourists in the late 1800s, a young rancher named Teddy Roosevelt. Weathering has given the soft sandstone rock formations a honeycomb look. The park is also a haven for mule deer, antelope, and sharp-tailed grouse. (located between Baker and Ekalaka on Montana 7; 316 acres; 3,441' el. (406) 232-0900.)

No fees are charged.

ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD

Site of the June 17, 1876, battle

between the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians and General George Crook's cavalry and infantry. One of the largest Indian battles ever waged in the United States, it set the stage for the Indian victory eight days later when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his immediate command were wiped out on the Little Bighorn. Self-guided tour with interpretive signs. (25 miles east of Crow Agency on U.S. 212, then 20 miles south on Secondary 314, then 1.5 miles west on county road; 3,052 acres; 4,300' el. (406) 232-0900.)

Fees: No charge for entrance. Camping not allowed. Day use only.

TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR

The impounded Tongue River provides a 12-mile long reservoir set in the scenic red shale and juniper canyons and open prairies of southeastern Montana. Boating and other water sports are popular here, and the park boasts excellent bass, crappie, and wall-eye fishing. Four state record fish have been pulled from its waters. (6 miles north of Decker on Secondary 314, then 1 mile east on county road; 640 acres; 3,424' el. (406) 232-0900.)

Fees: Daily entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle or \$1 walk-in. \$7 per night camping fee. \$20 (\$24 nonresident) annual entrance passport good at all state parks.

PICTOGRAPH CAVE

This National Historic Landmark is 7 miles southeast of Billings. Take Lockwood interchange (#452). Then turn south on Coburn Road. Follow the pavement for 3 miles, then the remaining 3 miles will be gravel road. The park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days per week from mid-April to mid-October. A self-guided history trail and pamphlet are available.

The site has paved trails to Pictograph Cave and Ghost Cave with interpretive panels along the way explaining the significance of the inhabitation and natural features. Also available are picnic tables, fireplaces, restrooms, benches, a water fountain, and ample parking. Visitors should bring binoculars to help in viewing the pictographs.

Camping is not allowed and pets must be on a leash.

Daily entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle or \$1 walk-in, \$20 (\$24 nonresident) annual entrance passport good at all state parks. These fees will be used to maintain this site and to make improvements to the facilities.

Brochures are available at various information offices also. Groups need advance reservations, which may be arranged by calling the following numbers: (406) 245-0227 or (406) 247-2955.

LAKE ELMO

Lake Elmo is located in Billings Heights at 2400 Lake Elmo Drive. The lake is popular for swimming, fishing, non-motorized and electric powered boating, sailing, sailboarding, sunbathing, and picnicking. The park is open year-round. Lifeguards supervise the swimming area during summer months.

Concession services include food, beverages, sundries, and watercraft rentals. Overnight camping, pets, and glass bottles are prohibited.

Fees: An entrance fee is charged Memorial Day through Labor Day. Annual entrance passport or an individual fee of \$1 per person over six years old required. (406) 247-2940.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS

Chief Plenty Coups Memorial is 35 miles south of Billings I-90 Exit 447. Turn south on Highway 416 following signs to Pryor; then go 1 mile west of Pryor. If you take Lockwood Interchange Exit 452 off I-90, then follow Old Highway 87 south to Hardin Road, then turn south and follow the signs.

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 1 to Sept. 30. The visitor center/museum is open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition to the museum is Chief Plenty Coups' homestead, the medicine spring and a memorial to his peace efforts and to the Crow Indians. July & Aug.: Tours at 1:30 daily; interpretive Crow Indian programs Saturdays.

A spacious picnic area is fully developed with tables, grills, restrooms and drinking water. Camping is not allowed.

Museum entrance fee \$1 per person, or annual parks passport. (Free with Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Assn. membership, starting at \$5.)

A brochure is available at local information centers and at the site. (406) 252-1289.

DEADMAN'S BASIN

Deadman's Basin Fishing Access is reached by driving 75 miles northwest of Billings on Highway 3 to Lavina then turning west on Highway 12. The basin is 5 miles west of Ryegate and 19 miles east of Harlowton.

This lake is used mostly for fishing

and boating. Other activities include camping, picnicking, swimming, sightseeing, and group reunions.

Large boat ramp, minimal campground areas, outdoor vault restrooms, picnic shelters, picnic tables, fireplaces, and garbage collection system.

Fees: No charge for entrance and camping at this site. (406) 247-2940.



Enjoy National Forest hiking beauty.

V. Atkinson/Travel MT Photo

National Forests

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

Custer Forest regions such as the Pryor Mountains are an ideal place to hike, ride mountain bikes, watch birds, view wildlife, picnic, camp, photograph nature, hunt, cross country ski, snowmobile and spot wild horses.

In the Ashland District, east of Ashland, hunting for mule deer and wild turkeys is very good. There are also hiking, camping and some cross country skiing opportunities. Bird watchers can enjoy the 200-plus species of birds that frequent the area.

Chalk Buttes, Long Pines, and Ekalaka Hills near Ekalaka, are Custer National Forest lands that provide excellent hunting for mule deer, white-tail deer, and wild turkeys. The Long Pines is noted for the Capitol Rock National Natural Landmark. This area also is known for having a very high density of nesting raptors.

For more information about recreation activities in the Custer National Forest, write to one of the following addresses:

Beartooth Ranger District, Route 2, Box 3420, Red Lodge, MT 59068

Ashland Ranger District, P.O. Box 168, Ashland, MT 59003

Sioux Ranger District, Box 37, Camp Crook, SD 57724

Custer National Forest, Supervisor's Office, Box 50760, Billings, MT 59105

Camping



Camping is the great generation bridge. Camping comes in all styles in Custer Country. Quick, easy set-up is offered at many private campgrounds. Some campgrounds and camping areas are more rustic.

Photo courtesy of KOA Campgrounds

Camping facilities are available in Custer Country at most fishing access sites, and at public and private campgrounds.

Following is a list of public campgrounds and services, and towns near which they are located. The **Afterbay Campground** is a National Park Service facility, located near the town of Ft. Smith, 1 mile NE of Yellowtail Dam. It is open all year, has 48 camping spaces, trailers allowed, toilets have handicap access, drinking water available, boat launch for 2-wheel drive with trailer, fishing, no swimming, and nature/interpretive trails; stay limit is 14 days, user fees charged.

Near Ashland is **Red Shale Campground**, managed by the Forest Service. It is 6 mi. SE of Ashland on US 212. It is open May 11 to Nov. 15, has 14 camping spaces and allows trailers to 32 ft. It has toilets and drinking water, a 10 day stay limit. A fee is charged.

Medicine Rocks Campground is 25 miles south of Baker on MT 7. Development is primitive at this Fish, Wildlife and Parks managed site. It is open all year and offers camping for

trailers up to 20 ft. Toilets and water are available. The stay limit is 14 days. No fee is charged.

Ekalaka has three public campgrounds nearby. **Ekalaka Park**, a Forest Service campground, is 3 miles SE of Ekalaka on Rt. 323, 1 mile W on a county road, 5 miles S on forest service road 813. It is open May 1 to Nov. 15, has 9 camping spaces, allows trailers up to 16 ft., has toilets and drinking water and a 10 day stay limit. No fee is charged. **Lantis Spring** is also a Forest Service campground and is 3 mi. W of Camp Crook, SD, on Hwy 20 SE of Ekalaka, 11 mi. NW on forest service road 117. It is open May 1 to Nov. 15 also, with 5 spaces, allows trailers up to 16 ft., has toilets and drinking water and a 10 day stay limit. No fee is charged. **Macnab Pond Forest Service Campground** is 7 mi. SE of Ekalaka on Rt. 323, 1 mi. E on the county road. It is open May 1 to Nov. 15, has camping spaces, allows trailers up to 22 ft. It has toilets and drinking water, fishing, and a stay limit of 10 days. No fee is charged.

Two public campgrounds are near Forsyth. The **Rosebud (East Unit)**, managed by Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and

Parks, is off I-94 at Forsyth, E Exit, N to Yellowstone River. It is open year round. Ten camping spaces are available; trailers are allowed. There are toilets and drinking water. There is a boat launch for two-wheel drive with trailer, and fishing. Stay limit is 7 days. A \$5 camp fee is charged. **Rosebud (West Unit)**, managed by FWP also, is W of Forsyth on US 12 at S end of Yellowstone River Bridge, milepost 270. It is open year round. Ten camping spaces are available; trailers are allowed. Toilets are available. Bring your drinking water. A two-wheel drive with trailer boat launch, and fishing are available. Stay limit is 7 days. A \$5 camp fee is charged.

Near Glendive are two campgrounds. **Intake** is famous for paddle-fishing. Managed by FWP, it is 16 mi. N of Glendive on MT 16, S on a county road. It has 40 camping spaces, with trailers allowed. Toilets and drinking water are available. A boat launch for two-wheel drive vehicles with trailer is available, and various fishing. Stay limit 7 days. A \$5 camp fee is charged. **Makoshika Campground**, managed by FWP, is 2 mi. SE of Glendive through residential section on Snyder Ave. It is open all year. Ten individual campsites are available, with overflow camping space for an additional 5 RV units; 15 dispersed tent campsites available; trailers permitted. Handicap toilets, drinking water, paved spurs and fire grills. Nature/interpretive trails feature dinosaurs and badlands. The 14 day stay limit has both day-use and overnight fees.

Huntley Diversion Dam near Huntley is 1 mile W of I-94 Huntley Exit on a gravel road. It is open all year and offers camping. A boat launch requires a 4-wheel drive with a trailer. Fishing is available. The stay limit is 14 days.

Riverside Park in Laurel, Highway 212 S, on the banks of the Yellowstone River, is a community campground for 100 tents and RV's. Fees \$8 to \$15 are charged. Seven hook-up spots are available. Barbecue and picnic facilities, toilets and drinking water are available. A boat launch is available for two-wheel drive vehicles with a trailer.

Barry's Landing Campground, managed by the National Park Service, is 27 miles N of Lovell, WY on WY 37. Open all year, it has 9 camping spots for trailers. Toilets are handicap accessible. The boat launch accommodates 2-wheel

drives with a trailer. There is fishing there, and hiking trails are developed. The stay limit is 14 days.

The Cow Creek Campground is located 8 miles north of Otter on Forest Rd. 51, then 5 miles W on Forest Rd. 95. It is managed by the Forest Service. It is open May 15 to November 1 and has eight camping spaces and accommodates trailers up to 32 ft. It has toilets and drinking water. It offers fishing. The stay limit is 10 days, and a fee is charged.

The CowBelle Campground at Roundup is located at the fairgrounds on the southeastern edge of town. It offers overnight camping and RV parking, barbecue pits and good shade. No fee.

The Tongue River Reservoir Campground is managed by FWP and is 6 mi. N of Decker on Hwy 314, 1 mi. E on a county road. It is open all year. It has 100 camping spaces and trailers are allowed. It has toilets and drinking water. A boat launch is available for two-wheel drive vehicles with trailers. Fishing is offered. The stay limit is 7 days with both day-use and overnight fee scales.

Winter Recreation

Load your snow machines on the trailer and bring your cross country skis with you when you come to Custer Country in the winter.

Two areas are especially popular with snowmobilers. The Tongue River Trail is near Miles City. The best place to "put in" is at Spotted Eagle Recreation Area. The trail is right on the shallow, frozen river. Another designated trail is the road through the Makoshika State Park badlands at Glendive. Depending on snow conditions, snowmobiling is allowed on and off the eight-mile road.

The "Snowmobile Law and Safety" guide is available through FW&P. Montana requires a nonresident temporary-use permit, which is valid for thirty consecutive days. Snowmobile operators riding on public streets, roads or highways must possess a drivers license; youths must possess a snowmobile education certificate and travel with an adult. To receive the guide and pamphlets on snowmobile safety and avalanche awareness and precautions, write to Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters, 1420 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620 or phone (406) 444-2535. The Montana Snowmobile Association offers information by contacting them at Box 3202, Great Falls, MT 59403.

A state tourism department publication, "Montana Snowmobiling Guide," including trail systems, rentals, services, lodging and activities throughout the state, is available by writing: Snowmobile Guide, Travel Montana, Helena, MT 59620, or call toll free 1-800-VISIT MT. In Montana, call (406) 444-2654.

Cross Country Skiing

Cross country skiing is another winter sport that offers trails of fun. Camps Pass in Custer National Forest is 18 miles east of Ashland on U.S. Highway 212. The trail is designed with two loops, with parking at the trailhead. Each loop is two kilometers. They are rated "easy" and "more difficult." The trails are groomed intermittently. For up-to-date information, contact the district Ranger, Custer National Forest, Ashland, MT 59003, (406) 784-2344.

~Camping in Custer Country~

TOWN	NAME/LOCATION (*all phone number use area code prefix (406))	SEASON	# Tent	# RV	Teepees	Water	Electric	Sewer	Dump	Shower	Laundry	Store	Cable TV	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PAGE REFERENCE
BROADUS	Wayside Mobile/RV Park AAA, 436-2510, 3 mi. west at junction US 212 & MT 59	All Yr.	20	18		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Next to 9-hole golf course
CROW AGENCY	Little Bighorn Camp, I-90 Exit 510, 638-2232	4/15-11/1	20	26		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8 unit Motel, gas, laundromat, C-Store, near Battlefield
	Custer Battlefield Convenience Center, (406) 638-4452, I-90 & 212	5/1-11/1	6	15		•	•	•						Shopping, restaurant, gas, near Battlefield - Pg. 68
CUSTER	Fort Custer Restaurant & Campground, 856-4191, Hwy 47 & I-94, 1 mi. E of Custer	All Yr.	6	6		•	•	•						Restaurant & Bar - Pg. 100
EKALAKA	MRNAK'S RV Camp, 775-6233, W of town near fairgrounds	5/1-12/1	6	15		•	•	•						Swimming Pool, Medicine Rocks nearby
FORSYTH	Wagon Wheel Campground, 356-2454, I-94 Exit 95 1/2 mi. So of interstate	4/1-10/31	10	10		•	•	•	•					Fishing, restaurant, pool, museum, within 1.5 mi. -Pg. 55
FORT SMITH	Cottonwood Camp, 666-2391, 3 mi. north on Rt. 313	All Yr.	50	15		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Fishing - Pg. 94
GLENOIVE	Glendive Campground, 365-6721, I-94 Exit 215, N of I-94	4/1-10/1	7	50		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Playgnd, swim pool, restaurants, motels near - Pg. 31
	Green Valley Campground, 365-4156, I-94 Exit 213, 1/2mi. N	4/1-11/1	50	42		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Fee fishing, playground, rec room - Pg. 31
HARDIN	Grandview Campground, 665-2489, I-90 Exit 495, 3/4 mi. S on Rt 313	All Yr.	40	60		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Gift shop, pool, tennis, playground - 1 block - Pg. 83
	Hardin KOA, 665-1635, I-90 Exit 495, 1.25 mi. N on MT 47	4/1-9/30	18	53		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Swim Pool, hot tub, camping cabins, playgnd - Pg. 88
	Sunset Village, 665-3244, I-90 Exit 495, 1.8 mi. S on Hwy 313	All Yr.	10	37		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Playground, nearby pool, tennis courts - Pg. 82
INGOMAR	Jersey Lily Campground, Hwy 12, 358-2278	All Yr.	10	12		•	•	•						Bar, Cafe, Park, Playground, Pg. 104
LAUREL	Pelican RV Park, 628-4324, Fax 406-628-8442, I-90 Exit 437	All Yr.		40		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	24 hr. restaurant, log cabins, propane - Pg. 124
MILES CITY	Miles City KOA, 232-3991, I-94 Exit 135, Go 2.4 mi. E at 4th St, E at Palmer	4/1-10/31	32	58		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Heated pool, playgnd, walk to town, museum - Pg. 46
ROUNDUP	Ideal Motel & RV Park, 323-3371, 926 Main Street	All Yr.	1	8		•	•	•	•					Walk to restaurants, groc. & City park w/free pool - pg. 105
TERRY	Diamond Campground, 635-5407, I-94 Terry Exit, 1 mi. N	4/15-10/15	20			•	•	•	•					Restaurant next door - Pg. 34
	Terry RV Oasis, 635-5520, I-94 Exit 176, 1st St left 10 blks.	4/1-11/30	8	12		•	•	•						Shady, green and clean - Pg. 34
WIBAUX	Maus Trailer Court, 102 E. Nolan, 795-2344	5/1-9/30	2	7		•	•	•	•					Park, playground, walk to downtown, & swimming pool - Pg. 15
	Beaver Valley Haven, 500 S. Wibaux St., 795-2280	All Yr.	10	28		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Walk dntwn swim. pool, restaurants, park, playground - Pg. 15

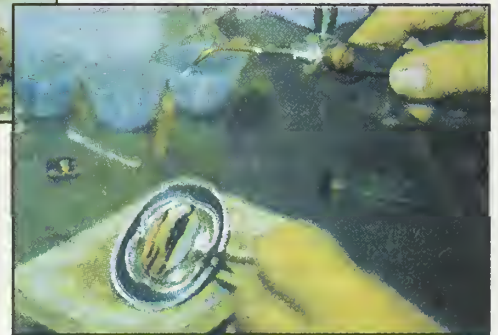


Above: Like nature's official photographers, moss and plume agates capture translucent shapes and pictures and record them in stone.

Donnie Sexton Travel Montana Photo

Right: Oscar Mastvelten, of Glendive, demonstrates the art of making an agate buckle.

John Brewer Photo



This is a Rockhound's Paradise

Hunting for agates is a fun and unique recreation for visitors to southeastern Montana.

The Yellowstone River in Eastern Montana is renowned worldwide for the quality and abundance of agates found on its shores. Montana's agates, sometimes called plume or moss agates, are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stone's interior. Montana agate occurs in a variety of patterns, from those with red and dark brown bands to the prized dendritic forms.

Agate is a translucent rock, snake-skin rough on the outside. The rocks are gray, tan, or brown and often shaped like a potato. Agate occurs primarily in terrace gravel deposits high on the hills above the Yellowstone River and its tributaries, as well as in the sand and gravel bars within the streams and rivers themselves.

Since the gravel within streams and rivers is constantly shifting, these are probably the best areas to search. The best time to hunt for agates is early in the spring after the ice breakup on the Yellowstone. Hunting continues to be good until fall. Agates are most abun-

dant from Custer to Glendive.

Guided agate-hunting boat tours are available. Contact the Glendive Chamber (406) 365-5601 or write: P.O. Box 930, Glendive, MT 59330 for guide service information and self-guided agate hunting opportunities.

Geology is both productive and aesthetic in Custer Country. One of the world's largest coal supplies lies just under the surface cover near Colstrip and offers the fruit of its industry.

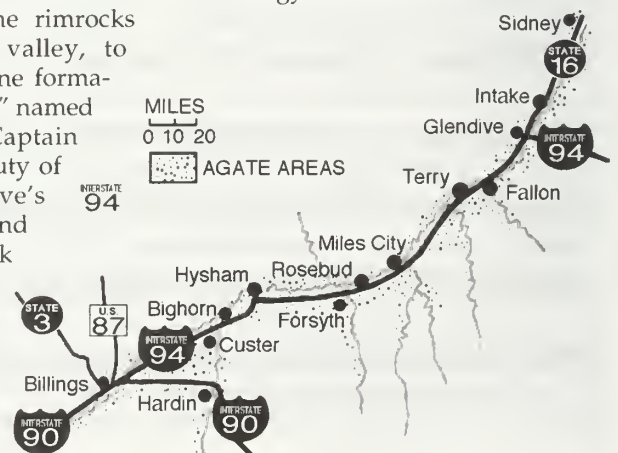
Lewis and Clark's Expedition of 1804-1806 first recorded the unusual rock formations of the southeastern Montana region. From the rimrocks that frame the Billings valley, to Pompeys Pillar (a sandstone formation rising from "nowhere," named by and inscribed by Captain William Clark), to the beauty of the badlands of Glendive's Makoshika State Park and Medicine Rocks State Park between Baker and Ekalaka, the geology offers a rewarding excursion through Custer Country.

The Pryor

Mountains are a remote collection of limestone mountains, ranging in elevation from about 3,000 feet to 8,000 feet. They are extremely rich in archaeological sites.

In the Terry badlands area, a band of dark gray shale is sandwiched between layers of light yellow sandstone and capped by red clinker, formed when burning coal seams baked adjacent rock layers. The contrasts are beautiful, especially during sunrise and sunset.

Many books are available in the region to help unlock the geology and archaeology secrets of Montana.



Wildlife Watching



"When Montana's first official explorers, Lewis and Clark, passed through what was then part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1805-1806, they were literally struck silent by the numbers and diversity of wildlife. Captain Clark was so awed that at one point in his journal he vowed to write no further about this country's amazing animal numbers for fear no one would believe him."

This quote is from the introduction to "Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide." The guide is a multi-agency project, involving the public land management agencies in Montana: the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region; the Bureau of Land Management; the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the Montana Department of State Lands; and the National Park Service. It is written by Carol and Hank Fischer.

Since Montana is such a big state (fourth largest of the United States), the guide first divides the state into the six state-designated tourism regions. Maps of each region are designed to point out wildlife viewing locations. Each area is described, including a description of the wildlife activity of the location. Directions to the site, ownership of the site, and size are given. Symbols tell what facilities are available, and recreation opportunities. The guide includes 113 viewing sites throughout Montana.

The Custer Country tourism region has twelve designated wildlife viewing areas: Lake Mason National Wildlife Refuge - Roundup; Two Moon Park - Billings; Norm Schoenthal Island - Billings; Pompeys Pillar National Landmark - Pompeys Pillar; Howrey Island - Hysham; Yellowtail Dam Afterbay - Fort Smith; Black's Pond Drive Route - Ashland; William L. Matthews Recreation & Habitat Management Area - Miles City; Terry Badlands - Terry; Makoshika State Park

Geese and their goslings are common wildlife spotted on the waters of southeastern Montana. The state's habitat programs have helped increase wildlife numbers. The Wildlife Viewing Guide identifies species and their habitats.

Donna Delp Photo

- Glendive; Medicine Rocks State Park - Baker, Ekalaka; and Long Pines - Ekalaka. Wildlife featured includes songbirds, upland birds, shorebirds, waterfowl, birds of prey, small mammals, hoofed mammals, carnivores, reptiles/amphibians, and fish.

At the Makoshika State Park Visitor Center near Glendive, interpretive panels detailing the life history of the remarkable paddlefish are now complete.

Howrey Island on the Yellowstone River near Hysham, is closed to waterfowl hunting and is a good place to see flocks of ducks and geese in the river and whitetail deer and foxes on the shore.

Wildlife watch managers are committed to making Montana's wildlife viewing as accessible as possible, while at the same time protecting the animals and their habitat as prudently as possible. Knowing that people combine wildlife viewing with other recreation, they have made a special effort to develop sites that are accessible by a variety of means—from a car, on foot, from a boat, on a bike, etc.

At the sites, guidelines are posted to help visitors know where to spot wildlife and the best times for viewing. Wildlife viewers are reminded to stay on trails and watch the animals exhibit

their normal behavior without interruption.

The book, "Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide," is available for \$9.95. A free pamphlet, "A Guide to Ultimate Wildlife Watching," is included.

A new map published by Montana State Parks shows each area designated for Watchable Wildlife. The map points out that Montana has the second largest population of antelope — over 100,000. Between 600 and 725 bald eagles winter here and about 200 pairs nest near rivers or lakes. The prehistoric paddlefish, survives only in the Mississippi River system and China's Yangtze. Here, the giant fish with a paddle-shaped snout dwells in the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers.

The "Montana Bird Distribution Guide" was updated in 1997. It can be purchased through the Montana Audubon Society.

Montanans contribute wildlife donations through a tax checkoff program. Funds support conservation of the fish and wildlife species that are neither fished, hunted or considered endangered. That includes 85 percent of all Montana wildlife species, such as songbirds, hawks, minnows, turtles, frogs and chipmunks. The funds also support wildlife viewing and education programs.



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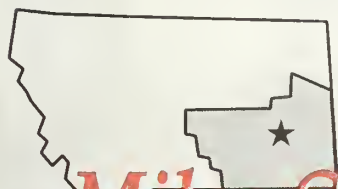
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Miles City had a notable birthing. Col. (later Gen.) Nelson A. Miles, in command of the six companies of the 5th Cavalry stationed at Fort Leavenworth the summer of 1876, received orders to proceed to the Yellowstone Valley in Montana, and there to establish a cantonment from which he was to conduct a campaign to compel bands of wandering Indians to return to their reservations.

Arriving early in the fall, Miles conferred with Gen. Alfred E. Terry, commanding the Department of the Dakotas, who was still in the field following the Custer massacre. He selected a site at the mouth of the Tongue River on which to build the cantonment. The Army engineers surveyed the tract of land 10 miles square and established a reservation. It was just across this reservation on the east of the south bank of the Yellowstone River that the first village was set up. A year later when the War Department abandoned it, the village "moved" itself, cabins and appurtenances, to the present site. The new community was named "Miles City" in honor of the commanding officer. While the village was founded in 1877, it was not until 1887 that Miles City was incorporated.



They got the job done. Fort Keogh Days in Miles City revives the tools and traditions of the 1870s era of the fort once located at the mouth of the Tongue River near Miles City. Much of the early ownership of the land was sweat equity.

John Brewer Photo

Western Traditions

As the cattle industry was most important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers' Association was formed in Miles City in 1884. The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 predetermined that Miles City should become a leading cattle market.

No Parking Meters: Contemporary Miles City has not been swept up by the winds of change which have threatened to shape look-alike communities across the nation. Miles City still has a traditional American Main Street with a dime store lunch counter and a saloon painstakingly restored to its early

decor. There are no parking meters!

The 9,000 area residents are good hosts who enjoy talking about the many historic photographs proudly displayed, about the hunting and fishing in the area and about some of the "characters" who fashioned the town's personality. But the local Chamber of Commerce's motto, "Proud Past: Progressive Future" also describes Miles City. The community's many services have made it the hub of Southeastern Montana—the center of vacation-time attractions.

General Nelson A. Miles: The man for whom Miles City is named was a very close friend of Col. George Armstrong Custer, had outstanding influence in the opening of the West.

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Range Riders Museum: With the



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addition of the Bert Clark Gun Collection, the Range Riders Museum has truly become one of the finest in the Northwest. The collection, numbers in excess of 400 pieces. It includes pieces from the Revolutionary War era, and the firearms used by the early settlers and military personnel. It also includes such exotics as a set of duelling pistols from Belgium and an elephant gun, one of only eight manufactured and one of four known to exist today.

The museum complex is set on the original site of the Fort Keogh canton-

ment. It has grown to include the main building, the Clark Gun Collection Building, Memorial Hall, Fort Keogh's Officers Quarters Building, the Heritage Center, and an original log cabin. Each unit has its own story to tell; yet each is a part of the overall history of the West.

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Other activities such as western barbecues, Western Art Quick Draw, a cowboy poet gathering, dancing in the streets, and western parade draw huge crowds. Early reservations for accommodations are recommended. Call the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce for more information (406) 232-2890.

Fair: The Eastern Montana Fair is a four-day event beginning in August. Attractions include rodeos, tractor pulls, demolition derby, plus commercial exhibits and a carnival. Many other special activities will be taking place in the '98 Eastern Montana Fair. Contact the chamber of commerce for a schedule of events during fair days, August 27-30, 1998.

Class and Classics

Custer County Art Center: Miles City's heralded art center, located in a park overlooking the Yellowstone River, is a non-profit institution providing quality visual art exhibits and programming.

The art center has two large, elegant galleries and an alcove gallery, with changing exhibitions throughout the year, from its permanent collection and exhibitions from around the United States and a gift shop.

The Western Art Roundup and a Quick Draw in the park coincide with the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale in May.

Accommodations: Miles City has 17 restaurants, including both sit-down and fast food types, two supper clubs, and four lunch counters. The eating establishments are conveniently located in three areas: Downtown, Haynes Avenue and Valley Drive East.

Overnight lodging is available in the same areas. There are 11 hotels/motels with a total of 500 units, as well as a campground facility located on either end of town.

Fun Without Your Boots On

Golf: If you're looking for a little pleasant exercise in an equally pleasant setting, you can't do much better than Miles City's Town and Country Club, located on the southwest corner of



This homestead parlor was the place for spinning yarn, playing music and raising a family. It is one of the many displays at the Miles City Range Riders Museum, a complex set on the original site of the Fort Keogh cantonment.

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town on the east banks of the Tongue River. The nine-hole course combines the aesthetics of relaxing cottonwood-shaded greenery with contours that can be a challenge.

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Tour Loops: The Miles City Visitors Guide is available free at the Chamber of Commerce (located downtown, 406-232-2890) and from local businesses. The guide also has maps and brief histories of sites and highlights wildlife viewing areas.

1998 Miles City Events

March: CCArt Center Student Art Exhibit.....13-April 20

April: Springfest Sacred Heart

Auction.....17-18

Spring Fever Car, Truck

Boat Show 18

CCAC Western Art

Roundup.....23-July 5

May: Horse Races.....9

Bucking Horse Sale, Horse Races 15-17

Bucking Horse Sale Parade 16

Quick Draw and Art Auction.....16

June: 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney.....6-7

State VFW Convention 10-13

Fort Keogh Days 5th Infantry

Encampment June 12-14

State High School Rodeo.....	17-21
MT vs ND Football Game	20
Quilters Quilt Fair	21
Shrine Circus	22
Hot Air Balloon Roundup.....	26-28
Highland Festival	27
Bump and Run.....	27
July: VFW Fireworks	4
Bill Newhouse Legion Baseball	
Tourney.....	8-12
Classic Car Club Show.....	11
Crazy Days	17-18
Highland Festival	18
US Team Ropers Assn. Eastern MT	
Team Roping Championships.....	24-26
Aug: Little Wrangler Rodeo.....	9
CCArt Center 23rd Annual	
Art Auction Exhibit.....	27-Sept. 26
Eastern MT Fair	27-30
Bump and Run.....	30
Sept.: Country Music Weekend.....	5-6
Miles City Roundup.....	7
Farmer/Rancher Banquet.....	12
Ram Sale.....	17
POW/MIA Celebration	19

Custer County Art Auction	26
Nov.: Eagles Bazaar.....	21
Christmas Market.....	27-28
Dec.: Christmas Stroll	4
Cowtown Classic Basketball.....	6-7
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Five-card draw, seven-card stud, and hold-'em are the most popular live poker games in the area. There is a \$300 pot limit on the stakes.

Video poker pits player against machine in a game of five-card draw. The machines offer quarter and/or nickel games. After placing a bet, the player is dealt five cards on the screen. The player then has the chance to discard in order to improve the hand. Winning hands are possible through a variety of combinations. Machines vary, some including "jacks or better" payoffs and some adding a "wild card." The payoff is from 1 to 50 times the bet to a maximum of \$100 on a quarter bet. Up to eight quarters may be played on a bet with \$800 maximum payoff.

Keno is also legal in both live and video versions. The game of keno, originally a form of Chinese bingo, is based

on random numbers. After placing a bet, the player picks from 1 to 10 numbers out of 80. By computer, the

machine randomly selects and

marks 20 numbers on the screen.

Payouts are made according to how many of the player's numbers match the machine's numbers. The maximum pay-off is up to \$800, again based on the amount wagered.

All gambling machines are monitored by the Montana Department of Justice and guarantee an 80% or better

winning pay-out. Many establishments also offer bingo. Pari-mutuel horse racing, whether it is live or is simulcast-beamed by satellite, is also legal in Montana.

The state produces a lottery with \$1 scratch-off tickets available through retail outlets. Changing games add to the excitement of the state lottery.

Montana also participates in lotteries that allow players to choose their numbers. They are the Daily Millions, Powerball, Montana Cash, and Tri-West Lottery games. Tickets for each one are \$1.

So, pardner, you're legal to try your luck at these games while you are in Montana and Custer Country.

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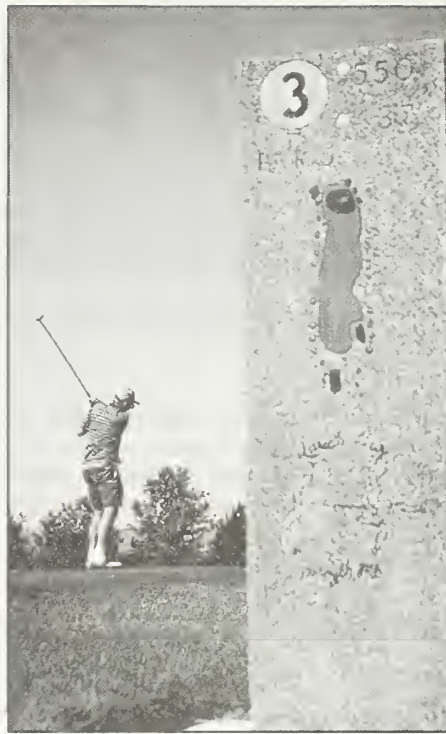
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Rosebud County, established in 1901, is the third largest county in the fourth largest state in the U.S. It is more than four times the size of the state of Rhode Island.

Outdoor Recreation

Hunting: If hunting and fishing spark your fancy, the Forsyth area will certainly appeal to you. Big game hunting includes trophy antelope as well as mule deer and whitetail deer.

Upland birds? You bet! Through the cooperation of Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and area landowners, a few minutes in your vehicle puts you smack dab in the middle of ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse, partridges and wild turkeys.

Water: Boating and fishing excitement flow with the wide Yellowstone River, right next to Forsyth. Two state parks give access to the river, with plenty of camping and picnic space.

To reach Rosebud State Recreation Area (East Unit), Exit I-94 at Forsyth east exit, then turn north to the Yellowstone River.

Rosebud State Recreation Area (West Unit) west of Forsyth is on U.S. 12. Turn at the south end of the Yellowstone River Bridge, milepost 270. It has a boat ramp and access.

Snow: In winter, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular in the Forsyth area, and downhill skiing in the mountains is only three hours away.



A river for all seasons, the Yellowstone nurtures year-round scenic beauty along the banks at Forsyth.

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Golf: About a mile and a half west of Forsyth is the Forsyth Country Club with its beautiful nine-hole golf course with well-maintained fairways and greens, along with sand traps and water hazards to test your skills.

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Park Facilities: A variety of recreational opportunities is available in the Forsyth area. Parks provide activities including football, track, baseball and softball fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, swimming and wading pools, bathroom facilities, covered grandstands and grassy play areas. There are also ice skating rinks, tourist parks, and lighted tennis courts.

Agate Hunting: The surrounding area abounds in agates. The Montana moss agates are modules of gray, translucent chalcedony which, when cut and polished, are seen to contain small manganese dendrites of pleasing appearance. Enthusiastic agate hunters visit the Yellowstone River banks each year, and lapidary work is the hobby of many.

A Great Place to Live

Forsyth provides the comforts of

friendly small-town living, along with recreation that only Montana can offer. The friendly people of Forsyth invite you to visit, live, and play in southeastern Montana, in Custer Country.

Business: While oil, coal, and lumbering are among the top industries in the area, dryland and irrigated farming are prominent, and the raising of beef cattle and good quality horses ranks among the top activities in the area. Thousands of cattle are shipped to market from this area annually. Many horses are trained and shown throughout the northwest.

Sheep and wool are also of economic importance in the county.

Hospitality and Services: Forsyth can accommodate the traveler in all needs, having hotels, motels, a variety of cafes and restaurants, a theatre, a modern, fully equipped hospital, doctors, dentists, optometrists and chiropractors. The emergency medical service personnel are highly trained and equipped. There are gas stations, grocery and clothing stores, pharmacy, flower shop, crafts shop, and a variety of gift shops. Tillitt Field, located three miles east of Forsyth, is a county operated airport with terminal service.

Historically Speaking

Lewis and Clark: In the exploration of the great Northwest Territory, Capt. William Clark passed through Rosebud County on July 28, 1806 en route down



The Forsyth Pistol and Rifle Club sponsors the Matthew Quigley Long Range Rifle Match each year. Promoters call it the biggest rifle shooting event in Eastern Montana since the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

the Yellowstone River to meet Meriwether Lewis, who was traveling down the Missouri River. Forsyth is located along what is known as the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Custer Was Here: Near the town of Rosebud, just nine miles east of Forsyth, is the spot where General Custer camped at the mouth of Rosebud Creek before traveling up that creek on his way to the Little Bighorn in his ill-fated campaign against the

Indians. His trek to the Little Bighorn (formerly Custer) Battlefield, 100 miles south of Forsyth, is marked, showing some of the embattlements from his Indian skirmishes.

Pioneer Museum: Situated next to the courthouse is the Rosebud County Pioneer Museum which you may visit for a glimpse of the past, including items used by early settlers, and many pictures of things and people as they were "in the olden days."



Silent and safe, this whitetail deer fawn will grow to run with the plentiful herds of deer and antelope in the Forsyth area.

Travel Montana Photo

Hours: May 1-15, 1-7; May 15 to September 15, 9-7 Monday through Saturday, 1-7 Sundays.

National Register Courthouse: The Rosebud County Courthouse, located in Forsyth, is a neoclassical, three-story building, capped with an ornate copper dome. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The top floor of the courthouse, including the courtroom, is decorated with murals and stained glass. Directly under the copper dome, in the ceiling of the foyer, is a large, circular, stained-glass window. This courthouse is not your run-of-the-mill public building, and is well worth a stop to view.

Sizzling Summer Events

Rodeo Days: In summertime Forsyth really kicks up its heels.

The first major summer event is Forsyth Rodeo Days, which will be held June 5-7 in 1998. Team roping is held the first day, followed by two action-packed days of NRA sanctioned rodeo. To top it off, leading bull riders from the northern area compete in the exciting "Bullmania" event. The Rodeo Days Parade is held Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

Duck Festival: July 25, the Yellowstone River Duck Festival fea-

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Fair: The Rosebud-Treasure County Fair, August 6-9 is four days of rodeo, exhibits, carnival, dancing and fun, topped off with a demolition derby and big-name entertainment.

1998 Events in Forsyth

June: Forsyth Rodeo Days Featuring NRA Rodeo (Parade Sat.).....	5-7
Ladies' Open Golf Tournament.....	7
Rocky Mountain Oyster 4-Man Best Ball Golf Tournament	19-21
Matthew Quigley Shoot	21-22
Mayor's Cup Run (5K, 10K).....	27
July: Yellowstone R. Duck Festival: Duck Days Parade, BSNF Railroad Appreciation Day, Classic Car Show and Poker Run, Duck Race, MicroBrew Festival, Street Dance	25
Aug.: Rosebud-Treasure County Fair	6-9
Farmers Market.....	22
Sept.: Farmers Market	11
Nov: Christmas Walk.....	27
Parade of Lights	27

Rosebud

In the town of Rosebud, 12 miles east



The pick-up man assists a cowboy when the eight-second whistle blows at the end of a ride at the Forsyth Days Rodeo.

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of Forsyth, a site of interest is a non-denominational church which is the oldest continuously operating church in the state.

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Cheyenne Traditions

The Cheyenne Indians hunted the animals of the plains, then used the original "natural fabrics" to make rawhide garments. Quills and feathers adorned the tanned hides. Beads, brought by the westward moving White Man, became an artistic medium in the creative hands of the Cheyennes. Colorful geometric patterns were created bead by bead. The garments are worn at ceremonial events. Lame Deer, MT is headquarters for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Ardena Whiteshield, above, shows samples of Cheyenne bead and quill work on buckskin.

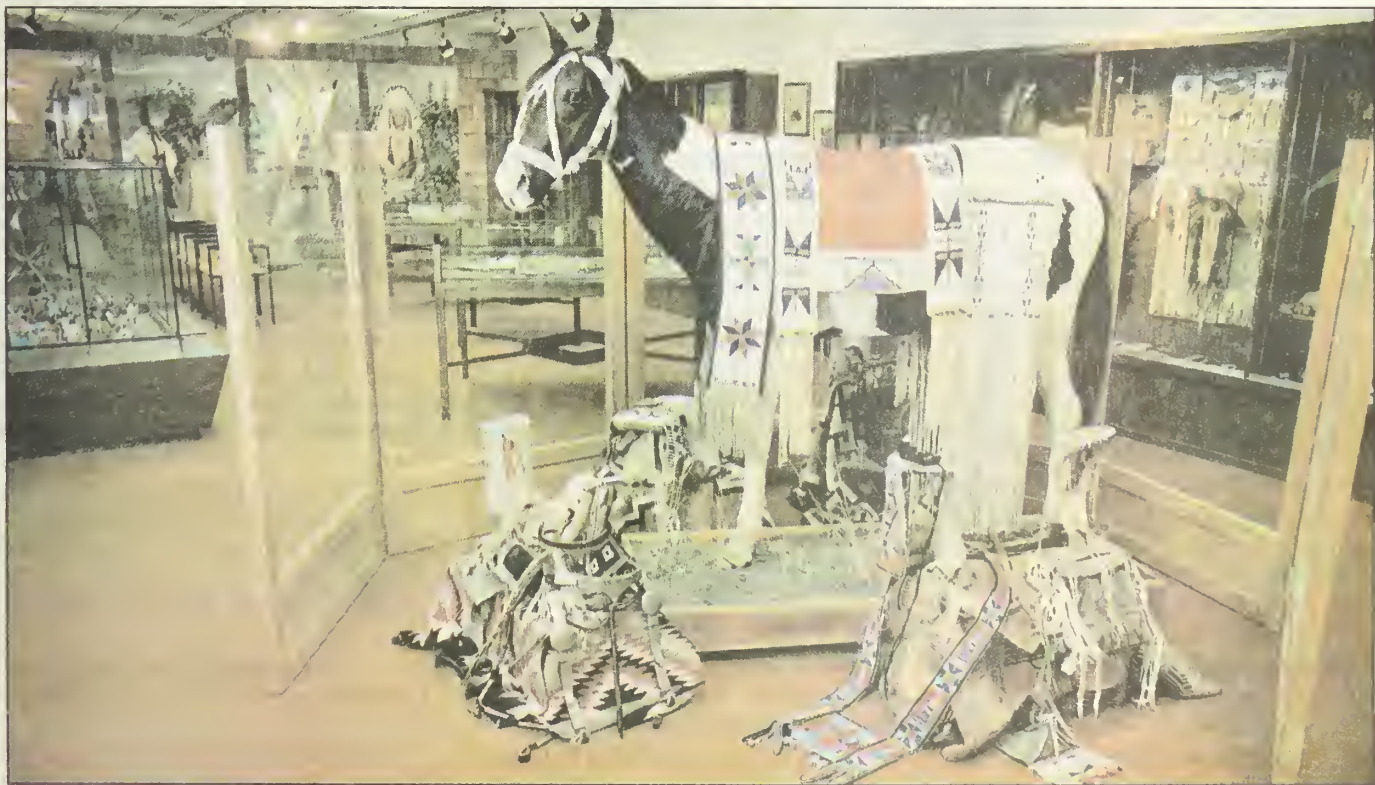
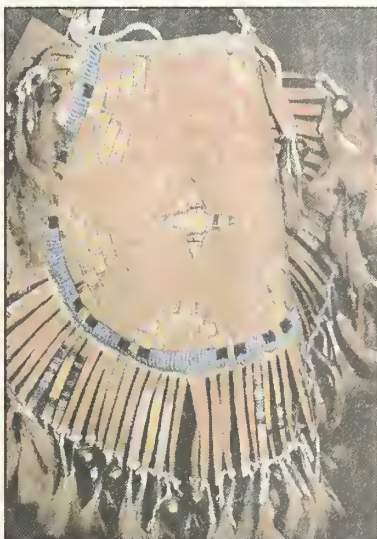
St. Labre Indian School at Ashland, MT, serves the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian Reservations at three schools.

Pictured, at near right, is a Sioux Sundance medicine bag, depicting bead and quill work; ca. 1880.

Also pictured, far right, is a Cheyenne war bonnet, decorated with eagle feathers and beadwork; ca. 1890

Below, a pinto horse, draped in ceremonial beaded buckskin. The display is part of the Cheyenne Indian Museum at the St. Labre Indian School, which is open to the public.

Photos courtesy of St. Labre Indian School



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The Morning Star Shines Brightly On The Cheyenne Reservation

The Morning Star design is the official emblem of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The origin of this design is lost in antiquity, but it has always carried a very special meaning down through the generations. For the Cheyennes, the Morning Star "lights the morning sky and shines more brightly than the other stars." It has a different color. The Cheyennes often pray when they see this star early in the morning sky. It has its own name in the Cheyenne language: WOHEHIV.

The Morning Star design is used as the trademark on craft items as well as being the officially recorded brand of the Cheyenne cattle herd.

The 444,525 acre Northern Cheyenne Reservation is in Rosebud and Big Horn Counties, extending from the Crow Reservation eastward to the Tongue River. It is not checker-boarded with non-Indian land as are most reservations in this area. About 20 percent of the Indian families live in the rural area along the streams and rivers. The remainder are concentrated principally in four small towns in the area.

Lame Deer

Tribal Headquarters: Lame Deer is headquarters for the tribe and the site of the offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Northern Cheyenne annual pow wow takes place every July 4th, with competitive Indian dancing contests, parades, etc. Places are available to camp, and photography is encouraged.

The Northern Cheyenne Arts and Crafts Center features Cheyenne-made crafts, such as moccasins, belts, jewelry and other beaded gifts, souvenirs and decorator items. The Craft Center is located on the eastern edge of Lame Deer, along Highway 212.

Cheyenne Depot Makes History

The first tribally owned convenience store in Montana opened in June 1988—the Cheyenne Depot. This thriving business provides a means of

employment for tribal members.

For campers, Lame Deer has the Ha Ho Campground, located just one mile east of town on Highway 212.

Native American History

In the Lame Deer Cemetery are the graves of Chief Dull Knife (also known as "Morning Star") and Chief Little Wolf, who together historically led a small band of Northern Cheyenne Indians back to the homeland from exile in the Indian lands of Oklahoma, following the tribe's participation in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Lame Deer is also the home of Dull Knife Memorial College.

Pow-wows: Put this date on your calendar—July 3-5, 1998. You won't want to miss the traditional Pow-wow held in Lame Deer every year at this time. There will be the Princess Contest (all princesses welcome), dance contests in all categories, parades and grand entries. Gourd dancing is held daily, and rations and feasting are always part of the festivities. All drums, dancers and singers are welcome. For more information, contact the Tribal Secretary, (406) 477-6284.

Other Dates of Pow-wows:

May: Lame Deer Memorial Pow-wow & Rodeo.....Memorial Day Weekend

July: Lame Deer Pow-wow 3-5

Sept.: Ashland Labor Day

Pow-wow.....5-7

Nov.: Veteran's Day

Pow-wow, Lame Deer.....11

Dec.: Busby Christmas

Pow-wow 24-26

Lame Deer New Year's

Pow-wow.....31-Jan. 2

Wagon train rides, trail rides, bus and van tours are also available. Lodging is offered in authentic teepees and at private residences.

For additional information on Cheyenne culture, crafts and events, contact the Northern Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce at (406) 477-8844 or Box 991, Lame Deer, MT 59043.



Hours are 8-5 in summer, 10-3 in winter.

Busby

Two Moon Monument: In 1993, an historic reburial was held in Busby, bringing home the remains of ten men, five women, and two children who had died about 116 years earlier during the Indian Wars. The remains had been in the possession of museums at Harvard's Peabody Museum, the National Museum of Health and Medicine and at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History. The remains were buried in a circle near the Two Moon Monument on Highway 212.

The Chief Two Moon Monument at Busby was built in 1936 by an Indian trader, Monicure, in memory of Chief Two Moon who participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Before the Bighorn

Rosebud Creek Battlefield: On June 17, 1876, just prior to Custer's Last Stand, over 1300 soldiers, scouts, and miners were met in battle by an equal number of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors along the hills of Rosebud Creek. Montana State Parks has developed a self-guided walking tour at the Rosebud Battlefield site. Traveling south of Busby on Highway 212, take the turnoff to Decker on Highway 314. Follow 314 for 20 miles to the battlefield sign. The monument site is 1.5 miles from the turn along an access road.

Ashland

Between Forests and Water: At Ashland, 21 miles east of Lame Deer, are the St. Labre Mission and the Cheyenne Indian Museum. Take the time to visit these two attractions, located side-by-side on the edge of Ashland. Free tours of the mission and museum are available.

Located on Highway 212, the short-

est route between the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park, Ashland is an ideal spot to take a break. It has the Cheyenne Reservation on one side and a beautiful segment of Custer National Forest on the other. The town has traveler comforts — motel, cafe, groceries, gas station, propane fill-ups, antique shops, and a bank. Authentic beadwork is available, as well as beads and other craft materials.

Ashland can also be reached from I-90 at Exit 510. Just exit at Little Bighorn Battlefield, at the Highway 212 junction.

Rural Experiences

Take a Ranch Vacation: Exciting days and nights on a working ranch, horseback riding, wagon trains and cattle drives are fun western opportunities offered by farm and ranch operations in the Ashland area.

Reservation History: After the Northern Cheyennes helped defeat Custer in 1876, their pursuit eventually caused them to be detained in Oklahoma Indian Territory. Sick and hungry, determined to return to their homeland, on Sept. 7, 1878 the Cheyennes under Dull Knife (also called Morning Star) and Little Wolf escaped. Pursued in the rear, intercepted on their way, these determined people fought, froze and starved to death to reach home. An executive order on Nov. 26, 1884 finally set aside a tract of country for the Northern Cheyennes in Montana.

St. Labre Indian School: In 1883, a soldier, Private George Yoakam, stationed at Fort Keogh near Miles City, recognized the hard times experienced by the Northern Cheyennes. He contacted Bishop Brondel and told him of the Indian people who were roaming the Tongue River Valley without homes or land. Land was subsequently purchased by the bishop and, on March 29, 1884, St. Labre Indian School became a reality. Four Ursuline Sisters from Toledo, OH responded to the bishop's requests for priests and nuns.

St. Labre Indian School made a humble beginning with the construction of a log cabin school operated by the Sisters. This three-room cabin served as residence, school and dormitory, as well as the church. A replica of the cabin now stands on the site of the original mission. Today St. Labre provides accredited K-12 education to 700 children at three locations on the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian reservations. Native American Day is celebrated at the schools the fourth Friday in September (Sept. 25, 1998).

St. Labre depends almost entirely on private donations for its many programs. Without federal or church funds, many friends all over the United States "keep the miracle alive."

Visitors to this facility will enjoy seeing the unique teepee-style church and Cheyenne Indian Museum with its large collection of Native American artifacts and art from the Northern Cheyenne, Crow, Sioux and several other tribes.



Chief Lame Deer's tomb.

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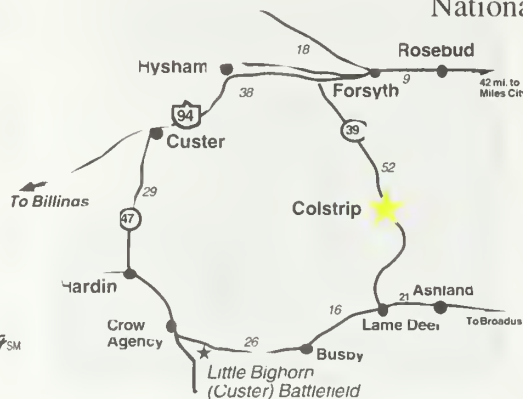


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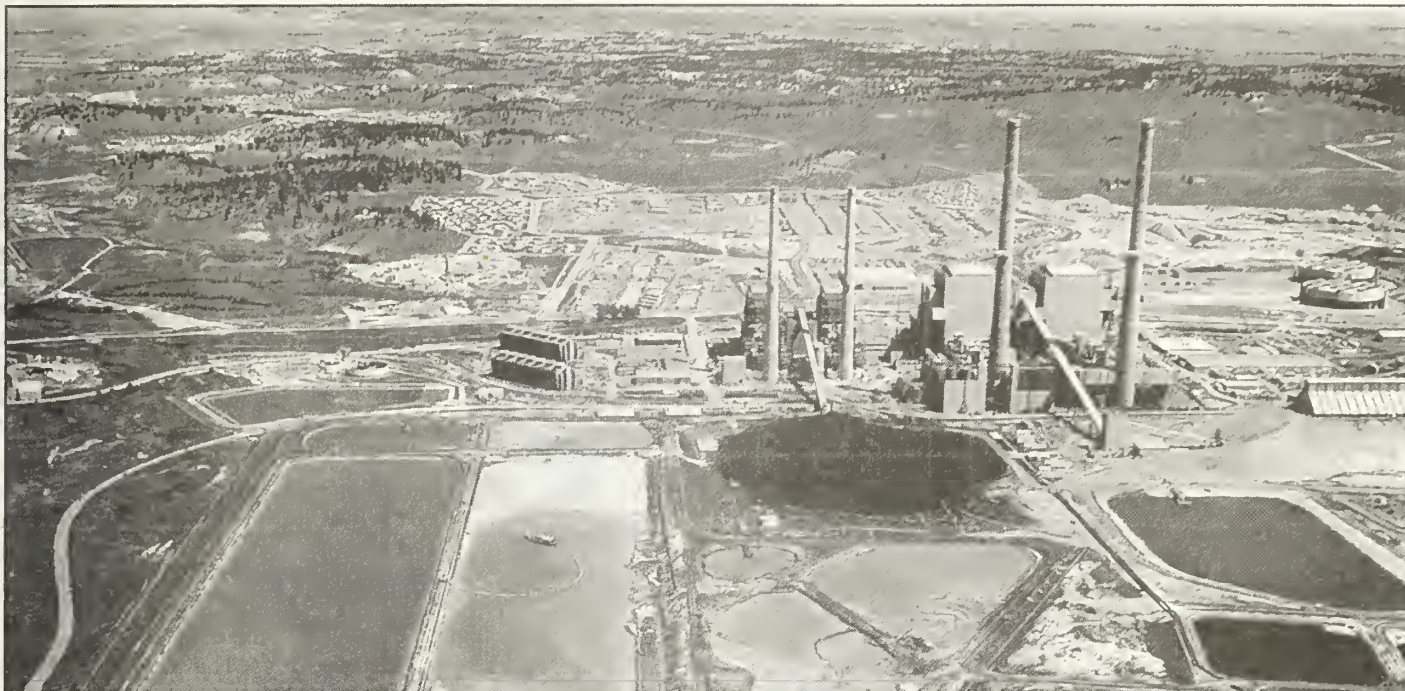
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The town of Colstrip boomed around the Montana Power Plant complex.

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Modern Day Boom Town

Careful Planning: The Montana Power Company purchased the coal leases in 1959 from the Northern Pacific and with this they acquired the mining machinery and Colstrip town site.

A subsidiary of Montana Power Co., Western Energy Co., started mining the coal in 1968. At this time Colstrip had 63 houses, a school, two churches, a grain elevator, and a few buildings left from the early days.

Under a careful plan of construction and development, lovely homes, townhouses and duplex units sprang up in Colstrip. Playgrounds and parks made

every area a family neighborhood. Superb school and recreational facilities, baseball and ice skating complexes, a swimming pool, water slide, tennis courts, wading pools, basketball courts, bike and hiking paths, tot lots, stores, bowling lanes and a movie theater were integral parts of the planning.

The once booming construction town has now settled into a quiet family community.

Free Tours: At the Colstrip Visitor Center, located at 6200 Main Street,

video presentations explain the history of Colstrip, the workings of the power plants and the operations of a modern-day surface mine.

Visitor Information Center hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours are available from April to October, weather permitting. Call (406) 748-2990 for tour times or write P.O. Box 1935, Colstrip, MT 59323. The visitor center furnishes both the guide and the transportation at no charge. Reservations are suggested.



A thrilling ride to a cool dip is the Colstrip waterslide and pool at the public park.

Rick Harbin Photo



Under the tent of Montana's big sky, children ride on elephants at the Colstrip municipal park.

Rick Harbin Photo

Business Hospitality: Colstrip's businesses provide a variety of services such as banks, grocery, hardware and lumber stores, auto repairs, motels and gas stations. Restaurants and casinos combine dining and gaming fun.

Amenities Abound

Lake: On the northwest edge of Colstrip is Castle Rock Lake, where visitors are invited to enjoy swimming, fishing and limited boating. The lake is surrounded by bike paths and picnic

areas for summer fun and exercise.

Airstrip: The Colstrip Airstrip is located five miles west of Colstrip and is open day and night.

Golf Course: A challenging nine hole golf course—Ponderosa Butte Public Golf Course, adjacent to Hwy 39 on the north side of town (across from the high school), has the appropriate street address of 1 Long Drive. It has a club house with food and beverage services, pro shop, PGA pro available for lessons, and rentals. For a tee time call (406) 748-2700.

Parks and Recreation District: The town's community center features a swimming pool and water slide. It provides fitness programs and other recreation activities. Call (406) 748-3326.

Time for Fun

Colstrip Days: The parade, carnival, booths, bump-n-run, and entertainment that make up the Colstrip Days festivities will be June 19-21, 1998.

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Many groups have organized nationally, in the state, and in communities along the trail, to plan celebration adventures.

Of course, the group that is probably of longest standing is the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. For 24 years the organization has published its quarterly magazine, "We Proceeded On," carrying articles about the journey, its members, their trials and successes, medicines, encounters with animals, etc., along with book reviews, and other features. Memberships to the foundation start at \$30 per year and are open to the general public. Information and an application are available by sending a request to: Membership Secretary, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403. Contact the internet home page at <http://www.lewisand-clark.org>.

The foundation headquarters office is a natural resident at the new Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls. (Great Falls is in Montana's Charlie Russell Country Tourism Region.) The Great Falls portion of the journey is best known perhaps for the portage around the falls that claimed many days and dozens of pairs of moccasins.

Grand opening events for the interpretive center are June 29-July 5, 1998. For a complete schedule of events and accommodations information, write to: Lewis and Clark Week of Discovery & Festival, P.O. Box 2848, Great Falls, Montana 59403.

The Pompeys Pillar Association has

launched a project to build a Captain William Clark Interpretive Center at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark. The group plans to open the center by 2003. It will emphasize the history of the area before the expedition, interpretations of Clark's, Sacagawea's, (Jean Baptiste) Pomp's, and York's lives, plants and animals Clark noted in his journals, and the fur trapper, settler era. Fund raising efforts are in progress. Individual \$5 and \$25 corporate memberships are welcome. Members receive a 1991 dedication ceremony print of the pillar and association newsletters, plus free admission to the site. Write to: Pompeys Pillar Association, P.O. Box 213, Worden, MT 59088.

The National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, under the auspices of the National Heritage Trail Foundation, offers membership categories from \$23 to \$100. Members receive newsletters and invitations to council meetings, and other information from the council. Write to: NL&CBC, 1101 Officers Row, U.S. Grant House, Vancouver, WA 98661.

In its 1997 session, Montana's Legislature formed the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council. The council will be at the apex of the coordination of activities and events across the state for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Already, through the Travel Montana tourism office, the state has joined with other trail states to produce a brochure outlining group travel opportunities along the trail. To contact the council, write to: Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, c/o Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201.

Travel Montana was an underwriting partner in the production of the outstanding Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan "Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery" documentary

video, which aired on PBS. To order the two-part, four hour video for \$29.98, call 1-800-424-7963 or send a check to PBS Video, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, under the administration of the National Park Service, is a viable link to national updates. To receive the trail newsletter, write to: National Park Service, 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53711. The trail home page address is <http://www.nps.gov/lecl>.

The Lewis and Clark journey proceeds on down the information super highway. A Web site that contains a rather comprehensive list of other Web sites relating to Lewis and Clark is <http://www.vpds.wsu.edu/WAHistCult/rasmussen.html>.

Lewis and Clark traveled more miles in Montana than in any other state along the trail. Because they wanted to explore both the Missouri and the Yellowstone rivers, the leaders split up on the return journey. Lewis and his party retraced their steps along the Missouri and explored the Marias River. Clark and the rest of the party headed east from the Three Forks of the Missouri, across the Bozeman Pass and down the Yellowstone.

Put the Lewis and Clark Journey on your discovery agenda in the next few years. Montana and the other trail states will be ready to welcome you both with opportunities to rough it like the Corps of Discovery, and to enjoy it in the comforts that have developed since the famous expedition that recorded the lands that became part of the United States as a result of the Louisiana Purchase.

(For details of Clark's journey and the group's adventures in the Custer Country region, turn to page 107.)

Vacation Planner



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April, 1998

Shrine Circus, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	2-5
Billings Gun Show, MetraPark Expo Center, Billings	3-5
Chicago City Limits, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	4
Spring Fling '98 Home, Garden & Sports Expo, Glendive	4-5
NILE-Bud Light Cup Series Bull Ride, MetraPark, Billings	10-11
Bye, Bye, Birdie, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	16
Comedian/Juggler Ron Pearson, MSU-Billings, Petro Theater, Billings	17
Springfest for Sacred Heart, Auction, Miles City	17-18
Spring Fever Car/Truck/Boat Show, Miles City	18
Earth Year 1998, Zoo Montana, Billings	18
Pops Concert, Mark O'Connor, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	18
Billings Symphony-Opera Highlights, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	18
KCTR Free Country Concert, MetraPark Arena, Billings	19
Jazz Festival, MSU-Billings Petro Theater, Billings	20
David Parsons Dance Company, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	23
Western Art Roundup, Miles City	23-July 5
Antique & Collectible Extravaganza, Shrine Aud., Billings	25-26
Peaks to Prairie Triathlon, Red Lodge to Billings	26
Accordion Jam, Ingomar	26
3-D Archery Shoot, Broadus	26
Frog & Toad, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	27
Craft Show/Garage Sale, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	27-May 1
Three Viewings, Billings Studio Theatre, Billings	30-May 3

May, 1998

Artwalk Downtown, Downtown Billings	1
Western Ballet Theater-"Romeo & Juliet", Alberta Bair Theater Billings	1
Quilt Show, Glendive	2
Boys & Girls Club Boosters Antique Flea Market, Billings	2-3
Louis Braille, Billings Studio Theatre, Billings	8-10
Annual City-wide Garage Sale, Glendive	9
Horse Racing, Miles City	9
Mother's Day Arts & Crafts Festival, MetraPark, Billings	9-10
High School Rodeo, Hardin	9-10
1998 Wine Festival, MSU-Billings Campus, Billings	11-16

Wedding Dresses 1600-Present, Moss Mansion, Billings	11-June 15
Ranch Vacations, Broadus	13-17
Aviation & Technology Week, Ground Displays & Fly-overs, Laurel	14-15
Magic City Singers, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	15-16
MSU-Billings Wine Festival, MSU-Billings Campus	15-16
Bucking Horse Sale and Horse Races, Miles City	15-17
Paddlefish Season, Glendive	15-June 30
Armed Forces Day Parade, Laurel	16
Heart and Sole Run, Downtown Billings	16
Bucking Horse Sale Parade, Miles City	16
Quick Draw Art Auction, Miles City	16
NILE Quarter Horse Show & Sale, MetraPark, Billings	16-17
Big Sky Classic & Derby, Billings	21-24
Royal Lippizaner Wonderful World of Horse, MetraPark, Billings	23-24
Kids Rodeo, Alzada	29
MicroBrew Fest, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	29-30
La Cage Aux Folles, Billings Studio Theatre, Billings	29-31
Barbershop Harmony Concert, Billings	30
Country Fair, Moss Mansion, Billings	30
Community Garage Sale, Wibaux	30
Sterling & Reed Brothers Circus, MetraPark, Billings	30-31
Lame Deer Memorial Pow-wow & Rodeo, Lame Deer	30-31

June, 1998

Cincinnati Reds Billings Mustangs, Cobb Field, Billings	June-Aug.
La Cage Aux Folles, Billings Studio Theatre, Billings	3-7, 10-13
Forsyth Rodeo Days Featuring NRA Rodeo, Forsyth	5-7
Huff's Antique Show & Sale, MT Pavillion, Billings	5-7
Wild West Show, MetraPark, Billings	5-7
30th Annual Art Auction, Billings	6
Forsyth Rodeo Days Parade, Forsyth	6
Bullmania, Forsyth	6
Buffalo Shoot and Rendezvous, Broadus	6
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Miles City	6-7
Ladies Bud Lite Golf Tournament, Forsyth	7
Vintage Car Run, Richey	7
Billings Gem & Mineral Annual Show, MetraPark, Billings	12-14
Fort Keogh Days, Miles City	12-14
Strawberry Festival, Downtown Billings	13
Annual Buzzard Day at Makoshika State Park, Glendive	13
Festival of Cultures, Rocky Mountain College Campus, Billings	14
Ranch Vacation, Broadus	14-18
Quilts in the Library, Hardin	15-July 10
State High School Rodeo, Miles City	17-21
Western Days, Downtown Billings	19-20
United States Team Roping Finals, MetraPark, Billings	19-21
Colstrip Days Parade & Carnival, Colstrip	19-21
Montana-North Dakota Football Game, Denton Field, Miles City	20



Parades add spectacle and color to many Custer Country events.

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1998 Custer Country Calendar

3-D Archery Shoot, Broadus	20-21
NILE Paint Horse Show, MetraPark, Billings	19-21
Quilters Quilt Fair, Miles City	21
Matthew Quigley Shoot, Forsyth	21-22
Shrine Circus, Miles City	22
1998 Region VI Arabian Horse Championships, MetraPark, Billings	23-28
1876 Grand Ball, Museum, Hardin	25
Little Big Horn Days, Parades, Events, Hardin	25-28
Youth Parade, Hardin	26
1998 Miss Montana State Finals Pageant, Billings	26-27



Get ready to rodeo!

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Region VI Arabian Horse Championships, MetraPark, Billings ..	26-28
Custer's Last Stand Re-enactment, Hardin	26-28
Hot Air Balloon Roundup, Miles City	26-28
"A Salute to Hardin" Parade, Hardin	27
Garden Tours, Moss Mansion, Billings	27
Mayor's Cup Run (5K, 10K), Forsyth	27
Little Levi Rodeo, Broadus	27
Highland Festival, Miles City	27
Bump and Run, Miles City	27
Badland's Drifter Car Clubs' "Cars in the Park", Glendive	27
Zoo Grass Festival, MetraPark, Billings	27
5th Infantry Encampment, Miles City	27-28
Magic City 4-Wheelers 4X4 Rally, Motorsports Park, Mi. Marker 16, Hwy 87 N.	27-28
Country Breakfast, Old Time Gospel Service, Museum, Hardin	28
Concert in the Park & Picnic on the Green, Pioneer Park, Billings ..	28
ZooGrass Festival, MetraPark Fairgrounds, Billings	28

July, 1998

Shrine Circus, Miles City	2
American Legion Baseball Tournament, Laurel	2-4
Street Dance, Laurel	3
Ice Cream Social, Pierre Wibaux Museum, Wibaux	3
Variety Show, Horse Shoe Tournament, Wibaux	3
Parade, NRA Rodeo, Nightshow and Fireworks, Roundup	3-4
Eastern Montana "ski" Festival, Wibaux	3-5
Lame Deer Pow-wow, Lame Deer	3-5
Fourth of July Celebration, Baker	4
Parade, Freedom Run, Rodeo, Broadus	4
Parade, Barbecue, Fireworks, Custer	4
Fireworks Display at Belltower, 15 miles south of Ekalaka	4
Independence Day Celebration, Parade and Rodeo, Glendive	4
Amateur Rodeo, Talent Show, Fireworks, Hardin	4
Parade, Fireworks, Barbecue, Hysham	4
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Dance, Fireworks, Ismay (Joe	4
Parade, Breakfast, BBQ, Fireworks, Laurel	4
Fireworks and Celebration, Miles City	4
Crow Traditional Lifeways, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Pryor ..	4
Amateur Rodeo, Terry	4
Parade, Barbecue, Games, Street Dance, Wibaux	4

3-on-3 Basketball Tourn., Pioneer Memorial Dedication, Wibaux ..	4
Polka Mass, Community Breakfast, Ranch Rodeo, Wibaux	5
Bill Newhouse Am. Legion Baseball Tournament, Miles City	8-12
Yellowstone River Boat Float, Livingston to Laurel	10-12
Crow Traditional Lifeways, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Pryor	11, 18, 25
Tri-County Horse Show, Roundup	11-13
Classic Car Club Show, Miles City	11
East-West Shrine Football Players BBQ, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	12
Ranch Vacation, Broadus	14-18
Big Sky State Games, Billings	17-19
Billings Gun Show, MetraPark, Billings	17-19
Highland Festival, Miles City	18
Summerfair, Rocky Mountain College Campus, Billings	18-19
Homesteader Days, Huntley	18-19
Richey Rodeo, Richey	19
Musselshell Valley County 4-H Fair, Roundup	23-26
US Team Ropers Assn. Eastern MT Championship, Miles City ..	24-26
Clark Day at Pompeys Pillar, Pompeys Pillar	25
Yippee Days, Terry	25
Wendy's Family Fun Day, ZooMontana, Billings	25
American Legion Youth Rodeo, Ekalaka	25
Yellowstone River Duck Festival, Forsyth	25
BNSF Railroad Appreciation Day, Forsyth	25
Classic Car Show and Poker Run, Forsyth	25
MicroBrew Fest, Forsyth	25
Street Dance, Forsyth	25
The Great American Championship Motorcycle Hillclimb, Billings	25-26
NRA Rodeo, Ingomar	26



Crow and Northern Cheyenne Pow-wows!

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Custer Country...great events...perfect sunsets!
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Clark Day, Pompeys Pillar I-94 Exit 23	26
Hardin Youth Fair, Hardin	27-31
Big Skyfest, Amend Park, Billings	30-Aug. 2

August, 1998

Crow Traditional Lifeways, Chief Plenty Coups St. Park, Pryor	1, 8
Billings Hispanic Fiesta, South Park, Billings	1-2
Doll Exhibit, Moss Mansion, Billings	1-31
Powder River Wagon Train, Broadus	2-7
Mountain Man Rendezvous, Riverside Park, Laurel	3-12
Rosebud/Treasure Fair, Forsyth	6-9
Artwalk Downtown, Billings	7
Montana Fair—Carnival, Horse Races, Stars, Rodeos, Exhibits, Cattle Shows, MetraPark, Billings	7-15
Horse Races, MetraPark, Billings	7-Sept. 20
Days of '85 Fair, Rodeo, Working Dog Show & Parade, Ekalaka	7-9
Montana Fair, MetraPark, Billings	8-15
Little Wrangler Rodeo, Miles City	9
3-D Archery Shoot, Broadus	9
Ranch Vacation, Broadus	11-15
Dawson County Fair and Rodeo, Glendive	12-16
Powder River County Fair, Broadus	13-15
Crow Fair, Rodeos & Parades, Crow Agency	13-17
Matched Bronc and Bull Ride, Broadus	14
Deb Wobig Memorial Barrel Racing, Hardin	15-16
Threshing Bee, Huntley Project Museum	15-16
9th Annual Roundup Cattle Drive, Roundup	16-21
Fallon County Fair, Baker	20-23
Prairie County Fair, Terry	20-23
Farmers Market, Forsyth	22
Makoshika Melodrama - Theater in the Park, Glendive	22
Huff's Antiques Show and Sale, MT Pavillion, Billings	28-30
Eastern Montana Fair, Miles City	27-30
Sutton's T-shirt Sale, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	28-29
County Fair, Ventriloquist & Hypnotist, Wibaux	28-30
Art Auction Exhibit, Miles City	27-Sept. 26
Rodeo, Wibaux	29
Demolition Derby, 4-H Livestock Sale, Wibaux	30
Bump and Run, Miles City	30

September, 1998

Quarter Horse Show and Sale, Broadus	1
Chief Plenty Coups Day of Honor, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Pryor	5
Horse Sale and Halter Futurity, Broadus	5-6
Miles City Roundup, Country Music Concert weekend, Miles City	5-6
Ashland Labor Day Pow-wow, Ashland	5-7
Team Roping and Dance, Custer	6-7
Undercover Quilt Gals Quilt Show, Hardin	8-19
Farmers Market, Forsyth	11
Nez Perce Peace Pipe Ceremony, Laurel	13
Ranch Vacations, Broadus	15-19
Ram Sale, Miles City	17
POW/MIA Day, Miles City	19

Quilt Show, Broadus	19
Antique & Collectible Extravaganza, Shrine Aud., Billings	19-20
Draft Horse Show, Hardin	19-20
Heritage Day Celebration, Glendive	20
Archaeology Week, Yellowstone County Museum, Billings	20-28
Native American Day, Crow and Cheyenne Communities	25
Montana Team Roping Finals, MetraPark Expo Center, Billings	25-27
Herbstfest, Parades, Food Booths, Entertainment, Laurel	25-27
Custer County Art Auction, Miles City	26
Open House, Yellowstone County Museum, Billings	30
Halloween Party and Dance, Glendive	31

October, 1998

Seattle Mime Theater: An Evening in America, ABT, Billings	1
Table Tops Exhibit, Moss Mansion, Billings	1-30
Artwalk Downtown, Billings	2
Andes Marta, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	9
Moscow Boys Choir, Alberta Bair Theater, Billings	10
Northern International Livestock Exposition, Billings	10-17
Billings Gun Show, MetraPark, Billings	30-Nov. 1
Ski Swap, Holiday Inn Trade Center, Billings	30-Nov. 1

November, 1998

NILE Bazaar, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	6-7
Veteran's Day Pow-wow, Lame Deer	11
Huff's Antiques Show & Sale, MetraPark, Billings	13-15
Landmarks Christmas, Yellowstone County Museum, Billings	21
The Preview Party, Moss Mansion, Billings	21
"Traditions of Christmas", Moss Mansion, Billings	23-Jan. 4
Christmas Market, Miles City	27-28
Holiday Craft Show, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	27-28
Christmas Walk, Parade of Lights, Forsyth	27
Holiday Parade, Downtown Billings	27
Holiday Light Parade, Glendive	27
Prairie Moon Arts & Crafts Show, MetraPark, Billings	28-29

December, 1998

Christmas Stroll, Miles City	4
Christmas Stroll, Downtown Billings	4
Artwalk Downtown, Billings	4
Holiday Bazaar, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	4-5
Festival of Trees, MetraPark, Billings	4-7
12th Annual Christmas to Remember, Parade, Fireworks, Laurel	6
Christmas Open House, Moss Mansion, Billings	6
Christmas Stroll, Broadus	7
Flea Market, Shrine Auditorium, Billings	12
Chase Hawks Memorial Match Ride, MetraPark, Billings	18-19
Christmas Auction, Miles City	19
Busby Christmas Pow-wow, Busby	24-26
New Year's Eve with the Symphony, Billings	31
Lame Deer New Year's Pow-wow	31-Jan. 2
Tryan Team Roping, MetraPark, Billings	31-Jan. 2

January, 1999

Billings Recreation Showcase, MetraPark, Billings	15-17
Billings Home & Garden, Health & Fitness Expo, MetraPark, Billings	15-17

February, 1999

Cowtown Beef Breeders Show, Miles City	5
NRA Rodeo, MetraPark, Billings	5-7
Montana Agri Trade Exposition, MetraPark, Billings	18-20
Craft and Flea Market, MetraPark, Billings	18-20
Huff's Antiques Show & Sale, MetraPark, Billings	26-28



Car shows and collectibles!

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Crow Nation

The Crow Reservation is where culture and tradition are a way of life, perpetuated from generation to generation. Experience the culture of the Apsaalooke, "Children of the Large-Beaked Bird," the Crow People.

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Seven Communities: Now on an area of 3,565 square miles the Crow Nation consists of five main communities: **Wyola**, very southeast, the gateway to the



Buckskin and beadwork are the traditional dress at Crow Fair.

Steve Shimek/Travel Montana Photo



Feel the land that lives
and the wind will tell you...

The Crow Fair and Rodeo celebration is headquartered annually at the tribal campgrounds along the Little Bighorn River near Crow Agency. It will be held August 13-17 in 1998.

Dennis Sanders, Hardin Photo Service Photo

sacred Bighorn Mountains and the Medicine Wheel, where "The Mighty Few" are known for "hand games."

North of Wyola is **Lodge Grass** (the Greasy Grass area and early day summer hunting grounds), the first full service town from the south on I-90, home of the cool, shady White Arm Park. A four-day Valley of the Chiefs Celebration is held each 4th of July here. It is the route through "No water" and "Rotten Grass" to the "Valley of the Chiefs." Southwest is Willow Creek Reservoir for fishing, boating, sunbathing and picnics.

Further north is **Garryowen**. A region steeped in rich history that includes Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, borders **Crow Agency**, hub of tribal management and government. In Crow Agency a brand new Crow/Northern Cheyenne Indian Hospital includes a very fine collection of Crow and Northern Cheyenne artwork and crafts for the enjoyment of visitors. Southwest are **St. Xavier** and **Fort Smith** near Bighorn Canyon and Yellowtail Dam, the source of the Bighorn River. Northwest on the reservation is **Pryor** home of Chief Plenty Coups State Park. The Bighorn, Pryor and Wolf Mountains are the backdrop.

Little Big Horn College: A tribal community college is also a nucleus of Crow Agency. Among the college's attributes, are its extensive library and Crow Archives, and a tourism program. Micro Business is a department of the college which offers visitors and tourists catered local and cultural activities and tour packages. Call (406) 638-2228 or 638-7211,

ext. 44, or write: Little Big Horn College Micro-Business, P.O. Box 370, Crow Agency, MT 59022.

Crow Fair, Teepee Capitol of the World: Each year on the third weekend of August (Moon of heat waves on the grass), the season finale is the premier Pow wow of the Plains Indians.

From every western state and Canada, Indians come to camp along the Little Bighorn River. Spectacular parades each morning; an all-Indian rodeo, with cowboys from all over the nation; pari-mutuel racing and betting, wild horse races and dances. In Crow Agency, the 80th annual Crow Fair will be held August 13-17, 1998.

Traditions: Annually the communities of Crow People live their tradition and hold a variety of cultural events such as hand games, arrow throwing, Indian dances and seasonal ceremonies.

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Cattle drives, trail rides, camp-outs, hiking, guided tours, jackpot rodeos and other recreation are also available through private Native American establishments on the Crow Indian Reservation.

For help with interpretation of cultural activities, contact the Crow Tribal Office, P.O. Box 159, Crow Agency, MT 59022, (406) 638-2601 (public relations office, ext. 104 or 222).

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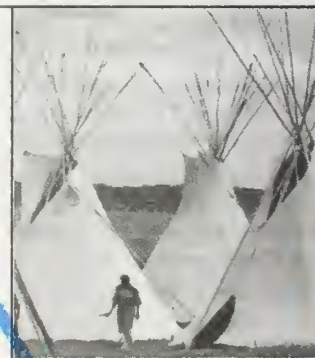


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Little Bighorn Battlefield



"Tools of Battle," an exhibit of artifacts from the Battle of the Little Bighorn, tells the story of weapons the Indians and the cavalry used.

Gloria Wester Photo

On a scorching June Sunday in 1876, hundreds of Indian warriors converged on a grassy ridge rising above the valley of Montana's Little Bighorn River. On the ridge, five companies of United States Cavalry, about 210 officers and troopers, fought desperately but hopelessly against many times their number. When the guns fell silent and the smoke and dust of battle lifted, no soldier survived.

Little Bighorn Battlefield was created in 1879, initially to honor only Lt. Col. George A. Custer and U.S. soldiers killed in battle June 25, 1876. Over the years the native Americans who fought Custer also have been memorialized in what was one

of their last armed efforts to retain their lands against the continued encroachment by European cultures.

To understand the circumstances responsible for this clash requires a detailed explanation of events. Many books have been written on the battle history. The Historic Trails Map on page 76 follows the movements of the cavalry and the Indian nations prior to the battle.

Battlefield Tours, Visitor Center

The Battlefield and the Visitor Center, which has an interpretive museum and bookstore, are open 8-8 every day in the summer. There is a gate fee of \$6.00 per private vehicle to visit the Battlefield and

National Monument Museum, \$3.00 per pedestrian. However, those wishing only to visit the Custer National Cemetery enter free of charge.

Admission to Little Bighorn Battlefield is free on Memorial Day, June 25 (the anniversary of the battle), and August 25 (National Parks Day).

Visitor Center Schedule

Spring	8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Summer(Memorial Day to Labor Day)	8 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Fall	8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Winter.....	8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Memorial Day to Labor Day Programs

Live ranger programs and talks are repeated at varying times daily. Visitors should check at the visitor center for the daily program schedule

Talks: Battle of Little Bighorn

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Tours: Apsalooke one-hour guided bus tours

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The Visitor Center interprets the battle, Indian culture, archaeology, and frontier soldiers in a variety of exhibits.

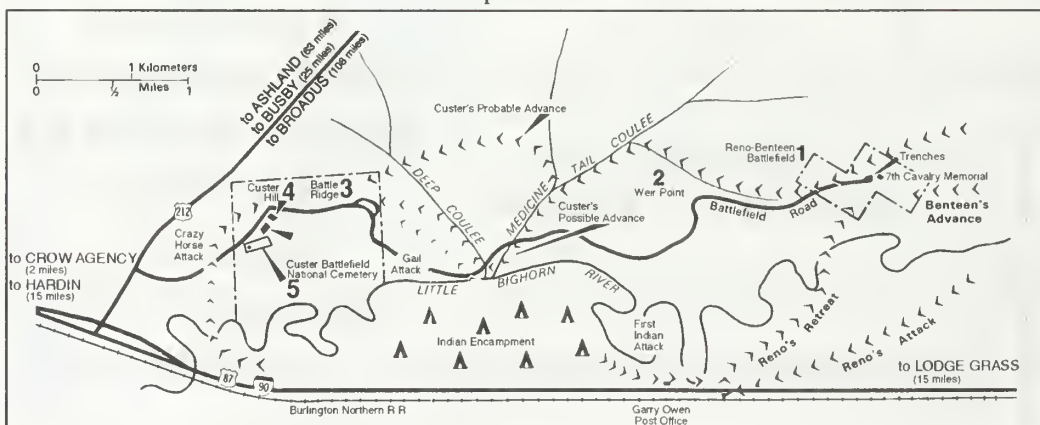
Living history contact stations are set up daily in the amphitheater area of the Visitor Center to interpret the life of the Plains Indians, and the U.S. Cavalry and Indian Scouts in 1876.

A Junior Ranger Program is offered year round. Guest lecturers also present special programs during the summer.

Since inclement weather and other factors may alter scheduling, no times are listed here. Visitors may check at the Visitor Center for times and places or call (406) 638-2621.

Located near Crow Agency, on Highway 212 (I-90 Exit 510), the Battlefield is just 15 miles east of Hardin.

NOTE: (Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment is held at a location six miles west of Hardin, not at the battlefield.)





Little Bighorn (formerly Custer) Battlefield National Monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 and 26, 1876, more than 260 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. See page 70 for information concerning Battlefield hours and tours.

Will Brewster Photo

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Custer Country! It's a land that tells the story of one of the most famous battles between the Indian and the white man.

But more than that, around its historic center Custer Country is the traveler's and recreationist's discovery land.

For fishermen it's a paradise of variety. The famous Yellowstone River offers rainbow and brown trout, sauger, catfish, ling and even the live and fighting prehistoric paddlefish. Spectacular Bighorn Canyon Lake provides boating and waterskiing, then spills over the Yellowtail Dam to nurture the spawns of the Bighorn River, rated by many as the finest trout stream in the country. Fishing sites offer easy access to fishing on all rivers.

Pronghorn antelope, golden brown as the grasses they graze, are abundant in Custer Country. And from dusk to dawn the nocturnal whitetail and mule deer move from the river brushlands, from the draws and coulees to the grassy meadows.

Geology is both productive and aesthetic in Custer Country. One of the world's largest coal supplies lies just under the surface cover and offers the

fruit of its industry. Lewis and Clark's Expedition of 1804-1806 first recorded the unusual rock formations of the southeastern Montana region. From the rimrocks that frame the Billings valley, to Pompeys Pillar (a sandstone formation rising from "nowhere," named by and inscribed by Captain William Clark), to the beauty of the badlands of Glendive's Makoshika State Park, the geology offers a rewarding excursion through Custer Country.

Montana was full of dinosaurs. Many skeletons have been found in Custer Country. They pose for study at museums in Ekalaka, Glendive, and Miles City.

And where you see herds of cattle and sheep grazing and see horses running in the wind, you find cowboys and cowgirls holding rodeos and horse shows. Custer Country's calendar offers a full scale of events. Add to these the tradition and spectacle of the Crow and Cheyenne Indian events, and you have a true western vacation.

Custer Country is not lacking in comfort. In Billings the region is serviced by Logan International Airport with daily flights into and out of all major cities. Cultural events, art museums, enter-

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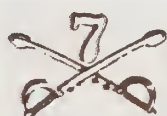
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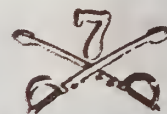
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Garryowen

"Burying the Hatchet"—White Bull, a Sioux Indian and General Godfrey bury the hatchet in the grave of the unknown soldier at Garryowen on June 25, 1926, the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Elsa Spear
Byron Photo

In 1895 the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad established a tiny station on the Little Bighorn River, where water was taken on, and U.S. Army troops, supplies and mail were off-loaded for delivery to nearby forts.

The site was originally named for the marching song of the 7th Cavalry, which was under Gen. George Custer's

command at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Myles Keogh, one of Custer's officers, carried the tune and words from Ireland. It had been the marching song for the Royal Lancers, a famous British unit, of which Keogh's father was an officer, at Garryowen, Ireland.

Garryowen has had a rebirth and is the site of a new post office, the Custer Battlefield Museum, trading post, coffee shop, and rest stop and the Reno

Battlefield Museum and gift shop. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Garryowen has been restored. In 1926 a road construction crew found the skeleton of a man presumed to have been one of Major Reno's troopers. On the anniversary of the battle that year, white and native Americans held a symbolic burying of the hatchet ceremony and burial service for the soldier.

BATTLEFIELD AREA MUSEUMS



Billings

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Crow Agency

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Garryowen

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1 Big Horn County Historical Museum and State Visitor Center invites visitors to tour a village of restored buildings, a shady picnic area, and a museum and gift shop. The museum interprets Big Horn County history and Little Bighorn Battlefield stories. Videos of area attractions and about area and historic events are shown free. Local, regional and Montana traveler information center. All exhibits are free. Open year round. **Hardin I-90 Exit 497.**

2 Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is operated by the National Park Service. The Visitor Center Museum interprets the battle, Indian culture, archaeology and frontier soldiers. It includes a book store. Trails lead through the battlefield, the cemetery, and the Reno-Benteen Battlefield. Live programs and talks are given Memorial Day to Labor Day. Open year round. A fee is charged for all except Custer National Cemetery. **I-90 and Highway 212 Junction Exit 510.**

3 Custer Battlefield Museum collection includes more than 100 D.E. Barry 1870's-80's photographs of participants in the Battle of the Little Bighorn. A trading post gift shop, rare collectibles shop, convenience store, and picnic area are included in the fort-style structure. The tomb of the unknown Little Bighorn Battlefield soldier is at this site. Open year round. A fee is charged for the museum only. **Garryowen I-90 Exit 514.**

4 Reno Battlefield Museum of the Little Bighorn collection includes personal effects of members of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, photos, bronzes, videos, and 1860-1890 military uniforms. Trails lead through the battlefield where Reno's company encountered the Indians, fled across the Little Bighorn River and up the cliffs to the Reno-Benteen Battlefield. A fee is charged for all except the gift shop and deli. **Garryowen I-90 Exit 514.**

Battle of the Little Bighorn and Living History Camp Staged on Indian Village Site

Besides the original Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment which has been held at Hardin for the past several years, sponsored by the Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce, a second re-enactment will be held in 1998 near the original battle grounds.

The Ken Real Bird family is promoting the event. The property, owned by the family, is part of the site of the 1876 Indian village attacked by Custer and the 7th Cavalry on June 25 of that year.

According to promoters, the script and program are being written by author Robert Nightengale, an author and student of details of the battle.

A living history camp is planned to recreate a U.S. Cavalry camp, an Indian village, settlement of the American West, and people in character representing personalities from the

time of the battle.

A series of studies and tests are planned to attempt to answer questions that have been raised about the battle over the years.

The staging of the battle will be held at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. June 25-28.

Battlefield Ceremony

The re-enactors and living historians will attend the battlefield ceremony June 25 in the late afternoon. This ceremony will include an honor guard, band, flags, and other contributions.

Spectators will be charged the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument entrance fee for the battlefield memorial ceremony, and separate fees for both the re-enactment and the living history encampment.

To reach the re-enactment and encampment areas, take I-90 Exit 514. For further details call (406) 638-2808.



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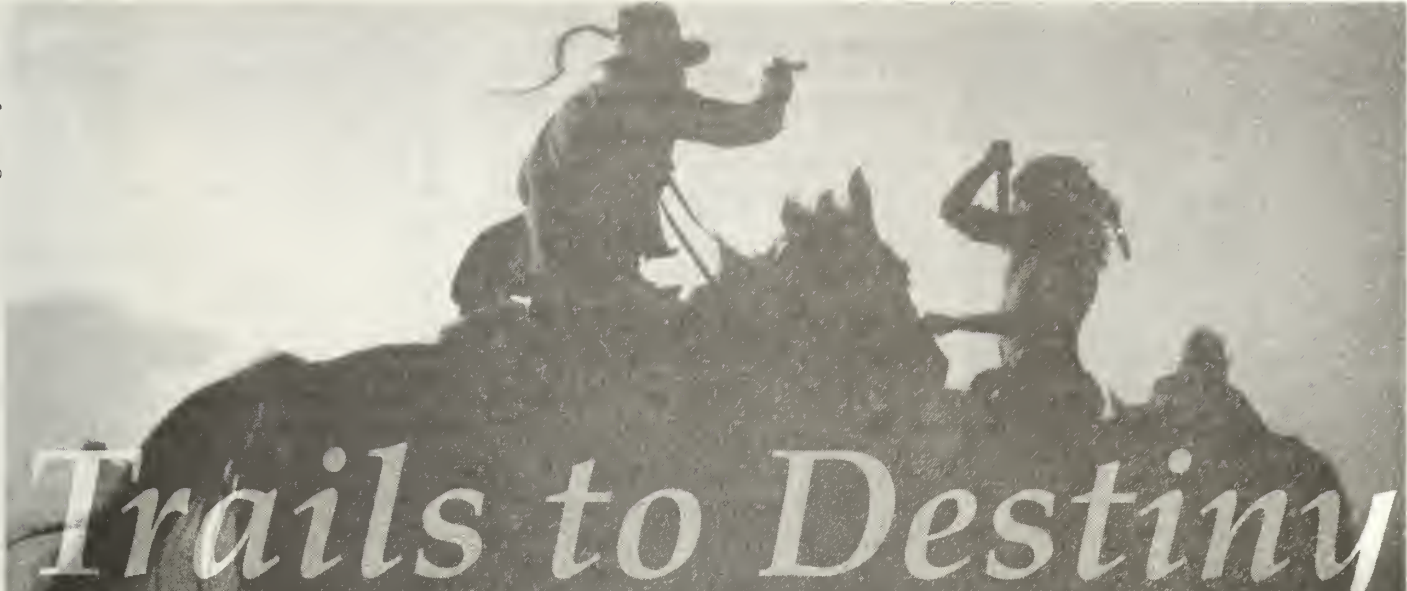
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This map illustrates the Custer Battlefield National Monument and its surrounding region in Montana. The Yellowstone River is a central feature, with several forts and landmarks marked along its course. Key locations include Fort Pease, Fort Custer, Fort Tule, Fort Keogh, and Fort Van Buren. The map also depicts the Lewis and Clark Expedition route, the Clark Return Route, and the Bozeman Trail. Various state parks and museums are indicated, such as Makoshika State Park, Medicine Rocks State Park, and the Carter County Museum. The map includes a compass rose and a scale bar.

The name of Custer Battlefield was changed by Congress to "The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument" in 1991.
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Trails to Destiny

Custer's Last March

The most renowned historic site in all of Montana's Custer Country is the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer Battlefield). The preserved battlefield, monument and cemetery are a lasting symbol of one of the most significant battles fought in the West. (A project is currently underway to add a monument to the Indians who fought.)

The battle has been referred to as "Custer's Last Stand," "Sitting Bull's War," and the "Sioux War of 1876."

To understand the circumstances responsible for this bloody clash of June 25, 1876, requires a detailed explanation of events. Many books have been written on the battle history. Others deal with the conjectures and philosophies that attempt to sort out the facts of the battle where all 210 cavalrymen died. Not one lived to tell the tale. In fact, only one of their horses, Comanche, survived. Because of the pressure of the government on their lifestyles, Indians involved in the battle refused to tell the details. For books or information, contact Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Visitor Center, Crow Agency, MT 59022, phone (406) 638-2621.

The Indian Trail

An event on March 17, 1876, gave unmistakable notice to the Indians that the soldiers meant war if the Indians did not move onto the reservations. Under the command of Gen. George Crook, Col. Joseph J. Reynolds and six companies of cavalry attacked an Indian camp on the Powder River on

that cold morning. Surprised Indians rallied and counterattacked. Reynolds fell back to the main column. Crook and his command returned to Fort Fetterman for two months.

The victorious Indian village consisted of about a hundred lodges of Oglalas, Miniconjous, and Cheyennes. After the soldiers withdrew, the warriors reclaimed their village and moved downstream, then over to the East Fork of the Little Powder River to join the South Cheyenne.

The combined bands then set forth to find Sitting Bull, who was camped about 60 miles farther north on another branch of the Powder River. Little by little, as word of the war spread from one camp to another, the Indians came together for self-defense. In the spring, their kinsmen from the agencies joined them.

By early June they had reached a strength of about 400 lodges—about 3,000 people, including about 800 warriors.

On June 18 the Indians struck camp, journeyed down Reno Creek to the Little Bighorn, then turned south up the valley and pitched their teepees. Here, a short distance above the mouth of Reno Creek, they stayed six days. Other Indians joined them here, increasing their numbers to 1,000 lodges, 7,000 people, and 2,000 warriors.

Their need for food would foil battle tactics, for on June 24, though the tribal leaders had planned a movement farther up the Little Bighorn, when antelope were spotted, the Indian people moved the village northward, back down the Little Bighorn in the direction from which they had come. When the

sun rose June 25, 1876, the Indians were closer than Custer expected to find them.

The Custer Trail

On May 17, 1876, about 956 officers and men of the U.S. army marched westward out of Fort Abraham Lincoln, south of what is now Mandan, North Dakota. They were under orders to subjugate Sioux and Cheyenne Indians who refused to stay within their reservations. The commander of the expedition was Gen. Alfred H. Terry. One of his staff officers was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, a Civil War hero.

The troops entered present day Montana just south of where Wibaux is now located, and moved along the Yellowstone River to the mouth of the



Sitting Bull, Leader of the Sioux
Little Bighorn Battlefield National
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Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer
Little Bighorn Battlefield National
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Tongue River, then progressed up the Yellowstone River to camp a few miles east of Rosebud Creek.

One column, led by Gen. George Crook, was attacked and forced to turn back at the six-hour Battle of the Rosebud on June 17. Maj. Marcus Reno had been only 40 miles from the incident when it occurred. He carried the news back to Gen. Terry.

The other two columns, under Col. John Gibbon and Terry, joined on the Yellowstone River at the mouth of the Rosebud River. From here, Terry laid plans to locate the Indians, then believed to be in the Little Bighorn Valley. Bent over a map in the cabin of the Far West steamer, orders were formulated. Taking Gibbon's column up on the Yellowstone to approach the valley from the north, Terry sent Custer and the 7th Cavalry on a wide sweep to the south to approach it from the opposite direction. The strategy was to catch the Indians between the two forces.

Before setting out, the 7th Cavalry passed in review before their leaders: 31 officers, 566 enlisted men, 35 Indian scouts, a dozen packers, guides and other employees. Custer's mission was to march up the Rosebud following the Indian trail. If it turned to the Little Bighorn, he was still to continue up the Rosebud before swinging west to the upper reaches of the Little Bighorn.

His troops covered 12 miles the afternoon of the first day, 30 miles each of the next two days. A marker between Colstrip and Lama Deer points out one of the encampments. On June 23 they struck an Indian trail that Major Reno had already examined. On the morning of the 24th, they paused at the site where the Sioux had staged a sun dance earlier in the month. Suddenly

the trail turned fresh. The scouts said the Indians were as near as 20 miles.

At the noon stop, scouting reports said that the Indians were on the lower Little Bighorn. Custer decided to cut across there to get the Sioux before they scattered and got away. His troops marched out at midnight. Early the next morning, two parties of Sioux were spotted. Fearing that they would warn and disperse the Indians, Custer decided to strike as soon as possible. Five troops went with him, three each with Reno and Capt. Frederick Benteen.

The movements of the Custer, Reno, and Benteen commands are well detailed at the national monument Visitor Center and in the official "Little Bighorn Battlefield" National Park Handbook.

When the dust settled on June 25, Custer's 210 cavalymen had died. Reno and Benteen's troops fought on, east of the last stand site.

On June 27 the Far West anchored at the confluence of the Little Bighorn and the Bighorn Rivers near present day Hardin. On the 28th, the survivors of the Reno/Benteen troops were taken to the steamer. On the 30th, they started down river with the survivors and Capt. Keogh's horse, Comanche.

Near present day Terry, MT is one of Custer's campsites, where his troops carved their names on Sheridan Butte along the Yellowstone River. The names are still visible to adventurers who hike to see them. The Far West docked near Terry, and graves mark the Reno/Benteen troops who died of battle wounds and were buried when the steamer docked.

The Last Stand Re-Enactment is held each June in Hardin. (See page 81.)

The Nez Perce Trail

In 1877 a large group of non-treaty Nez Perce Indians passed through the Custer Country Region, led by chiefs White Bird, Looking Glass, Tu-huul-huul-hutsiut, Lean Elk, Husis-kute and Joseph. They fought a battle with the military, led by Col. Samuel D. Sturgis, in the hills north of Laurel, MT now known as the Canyon Creek Battlefield.

In their flight from northern Oregon toward asylum in Canada, the band of about 800 people, including 125 warriors, carried by 2,000 horses (mainly Appaloosa), traveled over 1,700 miles. They fled and fought skirmishes first east across Idaho, then south through Idaho, then across Yellowstone Park,

east across a corner of Wyoming, then up the Clark's Fork River. An eyewitness account by Andrew (Jack) Garcia, a civilian employee with Sturgis' command, quoted in the Laurel newspaper in 1937, states that the Nez Perce crossed the Yellowstone River on a ford above the mouth of the Clark's Fork, about where the present highway bridge crosses the stream.

The Indians, said Garcia, moved eastward after crossing the river and raided the stage station on the Bozeman Trail, near the mouth of Canyon Creek. The Indians then moved northwest, heading for the mouth of the canyon north of Laurel. The soldiers took an angling course from the river to intercept the Nez Perce before they reached the canyon. He said the battle began about 4:00 p.m. Using tactics that earned Joseph the title of "Indian Napoleon," the warriors engaged the soldiers, allowing the main body to move to safety. At dark, the thousands of rounds of firing ceased, and the warriors took their people across country to the Musselshell River.

Following a skirmish at Cow Island on the Missouri River, the Nez Perce band moved to a camp thirty miles south of the Canadian border. The command of General Miles, later joined by General Howard, surrounded them there. On October 5, 1877, Chief Joseph gave his moving speech: "Hear me, my chiefs. I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."

A statue of the famous chief is in the park in downtown Laurel. A marker seven miles north of the town commemorates the Canyon Creek Battle.

A map and brochure of the Nez Perce Trail are available for a nominal fee from BLM, 111 Gary Owen Road, Miles City, MT 59301.



Nez Perce Chief Joseph

Museums and Art Centers Preserve Custer Country Heritage



Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum in Billings.

Gloria Wester Photo

Public Museums

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Hardin, JAIL HOUSE GALLERY. 218 N. Center. Rotating art exhibits, Western & American Indian arts and crafts. (406) 665-3239. Mon.-Sat. 9:30-5:30. Free.

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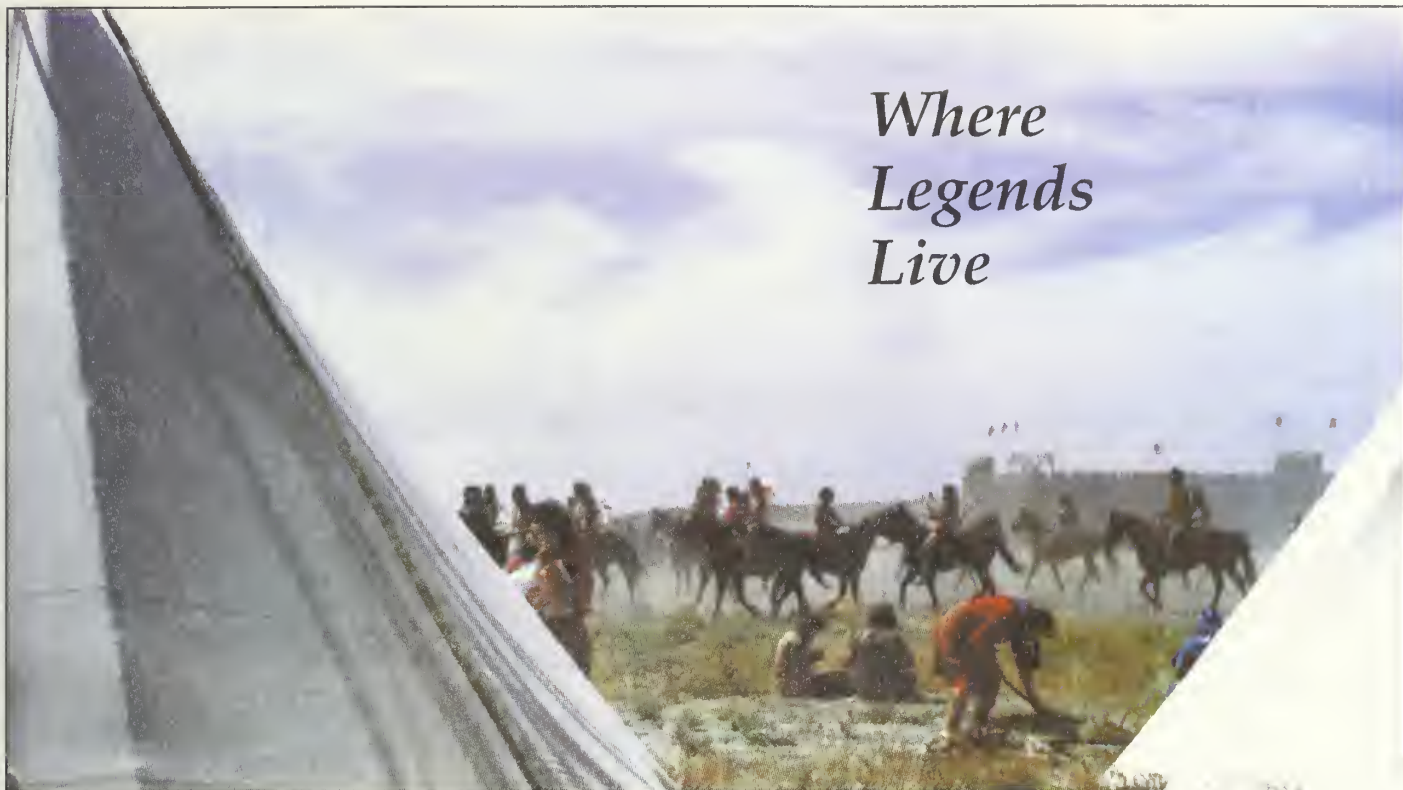


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Chamber of Commerce Hospitality: Besides being the home of Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment and Little Big Horn Days, Hardin has other events from rodeos and parades to street dances, from art and craft shows to quilt shows. See the calendar of events in this section, or call the Chamber of Commerce office for details (406) 665-1672.

Looking Back: Historians say the town was named for Samuel H. Hardin, a cattle man from Wyoming who leased tracts of land on the Crow Reservation to range his cattle. Local industry now includes farming and ranching, surface coal mining, fishing and recreational opportunities.

Crops and Critters: You'll see sugar beets, corn, wheat, and barley in the fields. The raising of beef cattle, sheep, hogs, and quarter horses is part of the livestock economic picture.

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The performances are at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, 1:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (five and under free).

The re-enactment's script is based on Crow Tribal Elder Joseph Medicine Crow's translation of oral and written Native American narratives beginning before Lewis and Clark's epic journey almost 200 years ago. This year's presentations will have a newly expanded emphasis on the impact of the explorers' travels, to be commemorated with a much-heralded Lewis and Clark bicentennial in 2003-6.

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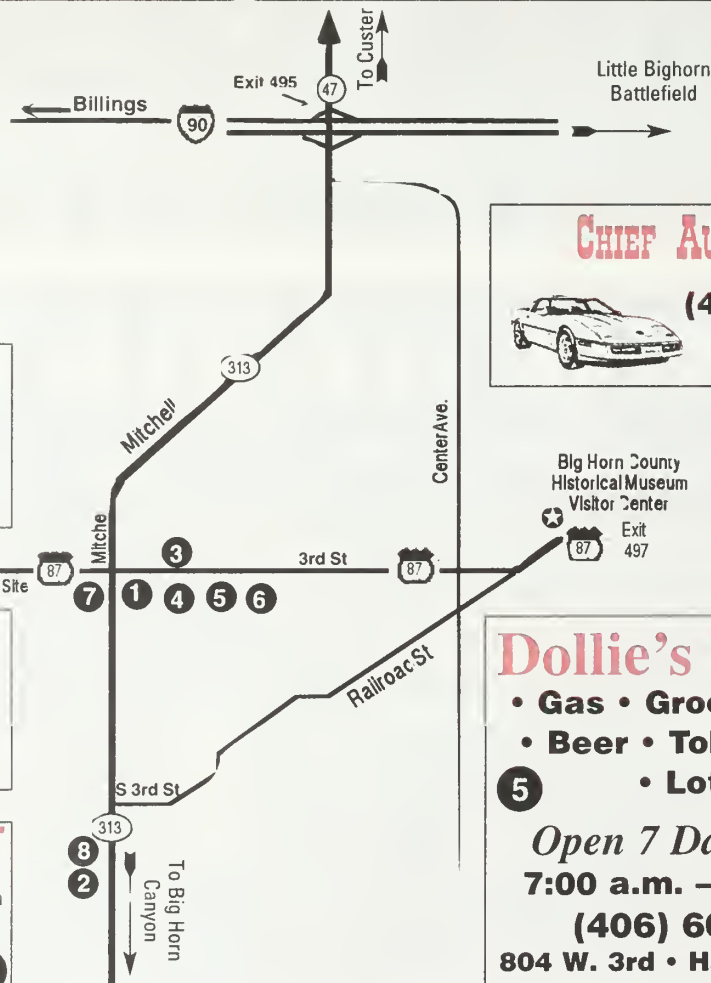
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The U.S. Cavalry rides in procession to its destiny at Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment in Hardin. Crowds thrill to the spectacle that is rated as one of the top 100 events in America by Destination Magazine.

John Brewer Photo

for five years, Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment has been the focus of two A&E television productions and segments on CNN and BBC. Hollywood film crews shot the re-enactment for the motion picture "Legend of Crazy Horse." Hundreds of journalists and producers from coast to coast in the US, Germany, Taiwan, France, England, Australia and Canada have featured this event.

Historical figures move across the surrounding open plains toward the climactic battle. Audiences participate in the adventure with every sense, and experience history with a reality more powerful than any book, video, or computer multi-media can portray. One of the many visitors at the re-enactment said, "It's like really being there...smack dab in the middle of history."

A wealth of background and connections to many related sources is available at the Custer's Last Stand Re-Enactment website, www.mcn.net/custerfight, and correspondence may be sent by email to custerfight@mcn.net.

Tickets may be purchased through MagicTix in Billings at 1-800-366-8538. More information and tickets are available at the Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at (406) 665-1672 and at (406) 256-2422 in Billings.

The chamber has made arrangements

for discounted flights through Northwest Airlines for the 1998 Little Big Horn Days and re-enactment. Passengers may fly into Billings, 45 miles from Hardin, and receive a 10 percent additional discount from any published fare. Tickets purchased fewer than 60 days before travel receive a 5 percent discount. Travelers should mention code NME75 to get the discount. Tickets may be purchased from any travel agent or Northwest Airlines.

1876 Grand Ball

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Tickets to the ball are \$10 per person for period-dressed 1876 Grand Ball participants and \$5 per observer from the Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture office, the JailHouse Gallery, the Big Horn County Historical Museum, and Bill's Auto Parts in Hardin.

For more information, contact the Hardin chamber at (406) 665-1672.

Little Big Horn Days

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Symposium: The Little Bighorn Symposium is 9-4 Friday at the Middle School Auditorium. Speakers present their interpretations of various aspects of the battle, and invite discussions.

Parades and Food: Organizers invite all youngsters to participate in the Old West Youth Parade downtown at 11 a.m., on Friday, followed by a hot dog

lunch at the fairgrounds. Youth games, activities, prizes, and farm pet exhibits follow downtown and at the fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 27 begins with the Little Big Horn Days Parade through downtown at 10:00 a.m., complete with Cavalry and Indians in full regalia. "A Salute to Hardin" is the theme of the stream of floats, bands and riders. Vendor booths downtown include food concessions. Following the parade, everyone is welcome at the Scandinavian feed at the American Lutheran Church until 7 p.m. A fee is charged.

Wake up to a Country Breakfast on Sunday at the Big Horn County Museum. A non-denominational old time gospel service will be held at 11

a.m. at the museum's restored church.

Except for the re-enactment, most events will be held in the town of Hardin or at the Big Horn County Museum, one mile east of Hardin. The re-enactment is at a site six miles west of Hardin, just off the Old Hardin Road, Highway 87.

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often at local ranches and at rodeos. And there are working ranches which offer horseback riding, fishing, local tours and sightseeing.

Deb Wobig Memorial Barrel Racing Event: Time them! Competitors will turn out August 15-16 this year for two days of barrel racing at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds. Riders of all ages from throughout the state and region will compete in the Montana Barrel Racing Association sanctioned event. Admission is charged.

Draft Horse Show: Hardin hosts its second annual Draft Horse Show September 19-20 this year. The show

will feature seven of the top rated six-horse draft hitches in the Northwest. Each hitch, weighing in excess of six tons, will be competing in unicorn, four abreast, four up, tandem, six-horse hitch, and more. Promoters state that the hitches that will compete are comparable to the popular Budweiser Clydesdale hitch.

Fourth of July

Rodeo, Fireworks, Vittles, Talent:

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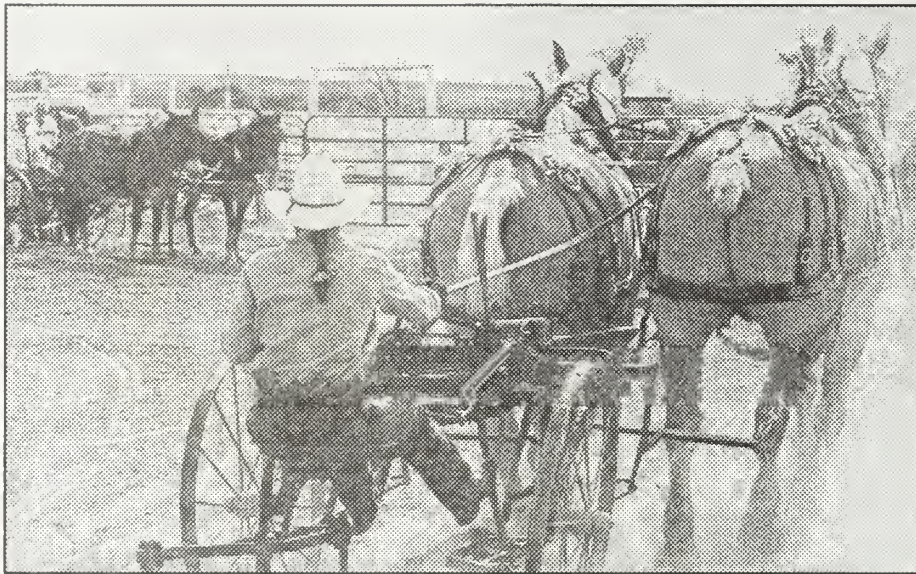
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Visitors are welcome at all events. Start with the pancake breakfast that the Hardin Kiwanis Club serves. Head to the rodeo at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the talent show that follows the rodeo, and at dusk, "the bombs bursting in air" at the spectacular fireworks display hosted by the Hardin Area Chamber of

Commerce.

Brush Strokes and Stitches

The JailHouse Gallery: Located at 218 North Center in Hardin, this gallery is committed to the education, exposure and promotion of the heritage, arts and artisans within Big Horn County, the Crow and Cheyenne Reservations and

the surrounding area. To receive a schedule of the gallery's changing exhibits, call (406) 665-3239 or write JailHouse Gallery, 218 North Center, Hardin, MT 59034. The gallery is open year - round, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Quilt Show: The Undercover Gals quilt guild of Hardin presents its 17th annual quilt show at the Becker Hotel September 8-19 in 1998. This is an open show featuring an antique quilt section and a challenge quilt contest. Quilt enthusiasts may write to: Quilts, Box 508, Hardin, MT 59034 for information.

Museum And Visitor Center

Displays and Information: Directly off I-90 Exit 497, or Exit 495 and then through town, is the Big Horn County Historical Museum village. To their visitors, the museum staff and volunteers offer a cool, quiet stop, complete with interpretive displays of the area's past. There is no charge to view the museum or to use the picnic area.

Sit down and relax in the museum while you watch your choice of videos about area attractions. The state information center links you with travel information through the internet.

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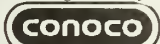
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Picnic Area and Village Complex: Surrounding the grassy, shady picnic area are buildings brought to the grounds and restored to their early-day best. Included are a schoolhouse, farmhouse, log cabin, church, doctor's office building, blacksmith shop, barn, service station and train depot. The old Corinth Store and Post Office looks like the proprietor just stepped out. The new Custer Stage Station is a Fort Custer cavalry barn replica.

On the Waters

Far West: Just east of Hardin, where the Little Bighorn River joins the Bighorn, is the island site where the Far West sternwheeler boat anchored on June 27, 1876, to evacuate the wounded from the Reno and Benteen battles, part of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. It was

the Far West which carried survivors with the story of Custer's defeat to the world.

Arapooish Pond and Recreation Park: This area is located one mile north of Hardin Exit 495 off Highway 47. The family park is at the Arapooish Fishing Access near the Bighorn River.

A six foot wide trail is an inviting path for hikers or cross country skiers. The recreation park has picnic tables and self-contained bathrooms. Alcohol is prohibited.

A road allows driving to the picnic tables. No motorized vehicles may use the north side of the pond.

Fishermen in non-motorized boats or canoes will like the small-mouth bass action, which should be good in summer and in winter, since aerators keep the pond from freezing.

Summer hours are early morning to 9 p.m. Overnight camping is not allowed.

1998 in Hardin

April: JailHouse Gallery (JHG) Mini Quilts Contest and Show.....1-30

JHG 1876 Grand Ball Gowns 1-30

May: JHG Yellowtail Dam: 1960-65, Dennis Sauders Photography 5-June 10

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Native American Artforms ...5-Sept. 30
Sept.: Undercover Gals Quilt
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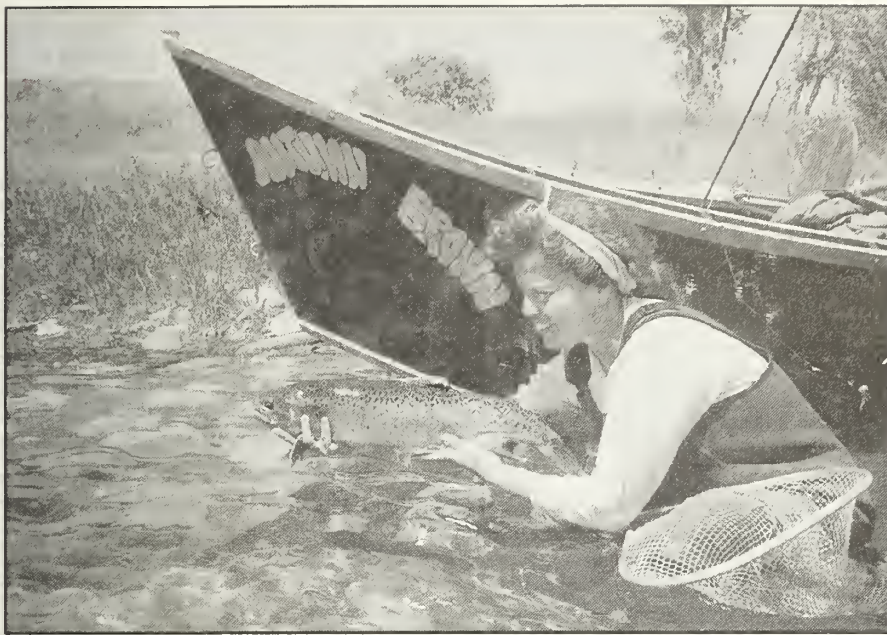
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Boaters' guide for safe recreation on Custer Country's lakes and streams

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A no wake speed law prohibiting creation of a wake near swimmers and anchored boats requires courtesy in order to promote a good time for all water sport enthusiasts.

Young people, 13 and 14 years old, must possess a Montana motorboat operator's certificate when an adult is not on board, to operate a motorboat or other watercraft with a motor of greater than 10 horsepower. A home-study course for the certificate is available from Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620, or call (406) 444-2615. The test, work booklet and registration card must be returned to the Helena office for grading. Certificates will be mailed to those successfully completing the course.

The Bighorn River, flowing for nearly 50 miles between Fort Smith and Hardin, is the crown jewel in the treasure of Montana trout waters, and it might just be the finest fly fishing stream in America!

Since the completion of the Yellowtail Dam in 1965, the Bighorn has become a blue-ribbon fishing stream that attracts the experienced angler looking for that extra challenge, but is also a river for the family fishermen.

Water conditions below the Afterbay Dam are ideal for trout. Brown trout are the most abundant with rainbow trout also present. Usually, the river is open and fishable year-round above Bighorn Access to Fort Smith.

Anglers normally put in at the Fort Smith Bridge. Half day trips commonly get out at the Three Mile Access. For a full day of float fishing, the twelve miles to the Bighorn Access offer lots of great fishing holes and a variety of stream flows, enough to satisfy the abilities of any angler.

For novices, or experts, experienced resident guides can maximize your fly fishing experience with lessons, river savvy, boats and equipment.

Camping is permitted at many points along the river, including Afterbay, Bighorn, Mallards Landing, and Two Leggins fishing accesses.

Information on limits, regulations, and fishing conditions is available at the guide services and boat rentals in Hardin, St. Xavier, and Fort Smith.

Bighorn River Fishing Headquarters



The Bighorn River trout await the angler reaching Fort Smith, Montana, by way of Highway 313. Fort Smith businesses offer fishing supplies and fishing tips, lodging, dining, lunches for the river trip, groceries, gasoline, and souvenirs.

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Fort C.F. Smith Site: Fort C.F. Smith was established on August 12, 1866, to protect immigrants traveling on the Bozeman Trail from attacks by the Sioux Indians. The Bozeman Trail crossed the Bighorn River 400 yards from the fort.

Located near the present town of Fort Smith, all that remains of the site are

low mounds and interesting stories. The site is on private land and visitors may see it by making prior arrangements at the Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center. (Located at the dam, the visitor center is operated by the National Park Service and Bureau of Reclamation. It is open in the summer.)

One of the original officers quarters buildings from Fort Custer is now at Fort Smith. Fort Custer was established in 1877, built atop a bluff overlooking Hardin. The building was removed from the fort site and used as a ranch

house for many years, but has now been acquired by a Crow business woman and is a native American gift shop and a bed and breakfast business at Fort Smith.

Enriching Canyon Talks

Campfire Programs: Public programs are offered in the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Check at the visitor center for times and places. Fishing and recreation, history and wildlife of Bighorn Canyon are the topics at these gatherings.

The influence of the Jesuits on the West is a living history experience at St. Xavier, south of Hardin on Highway 313. Fr. Peter Paul Prondo, a Jesuit Priest, established the first mission at St. Xavier in 1887. The church is still in use and the school, affiliated with the St. Labre Mission School, also continues to operate.

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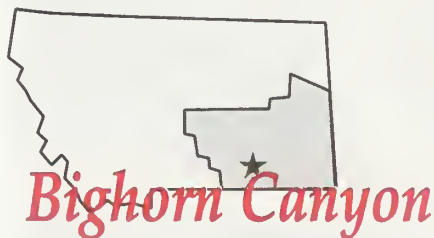


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Water conditions below the Afterbay Dam are ideal for trout, and this portion of the Bighorn River has developed into a blue ribbon trout fishery. Brown trout are the most abundant with rainbow trout also present. Information on limits, regulations, and fishing conditions is available at the Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center during the summer season. Guide services, boat rentals, vehicle shuttle service, food and equipment are available in Fort Smith. Float distance from the Afterbay Dam to 3-Mile (Lind) Access is 3 miles. The distance from 3-Mile Access to the Bighorn Access is 10 miles.

Limited boat tours (as available), hiking trails, camping, scenic drives, and ranger-led activities are also offered in the Fort Smith, Yellowtail Dam area.

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Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is a spectacular 71 mile long lake that straddles the Montana-Wyoming state line. Bighorn Lake may be reached from Hardin, MT via Montana Highway 313, or on the south end from Lovell, WY, by Wyoming State Highway 37.

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Also, a walking historic tour of the Fort Smith site is offered with prior arrangements. Other special demonstrations and programs are presented during the summer.

Camping at Bighorn Canyon is available in a variety of environments in designated areas. Call the National Park Service for more information about all of the above, (406) 666-2412.

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Information about the area is dis-

played through exhibits, printed materials, and the film, "Land of the Bighorn." To receive detailed informational materials write: Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Box 7458, Fort Smith, MT 59035, or call (406) 666-2412.

Visitors may take a guided tour down into the dam. The Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center is operated by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Reclamation. It is open daily 9 to 5, Memorial Day through Labor Day. It is located at the end of Highway 313 at Yellowtail Dam. For information, call (406) 666-3234.

The Recreation Use fee is \$5 per day per vehicle or \$30 annually.

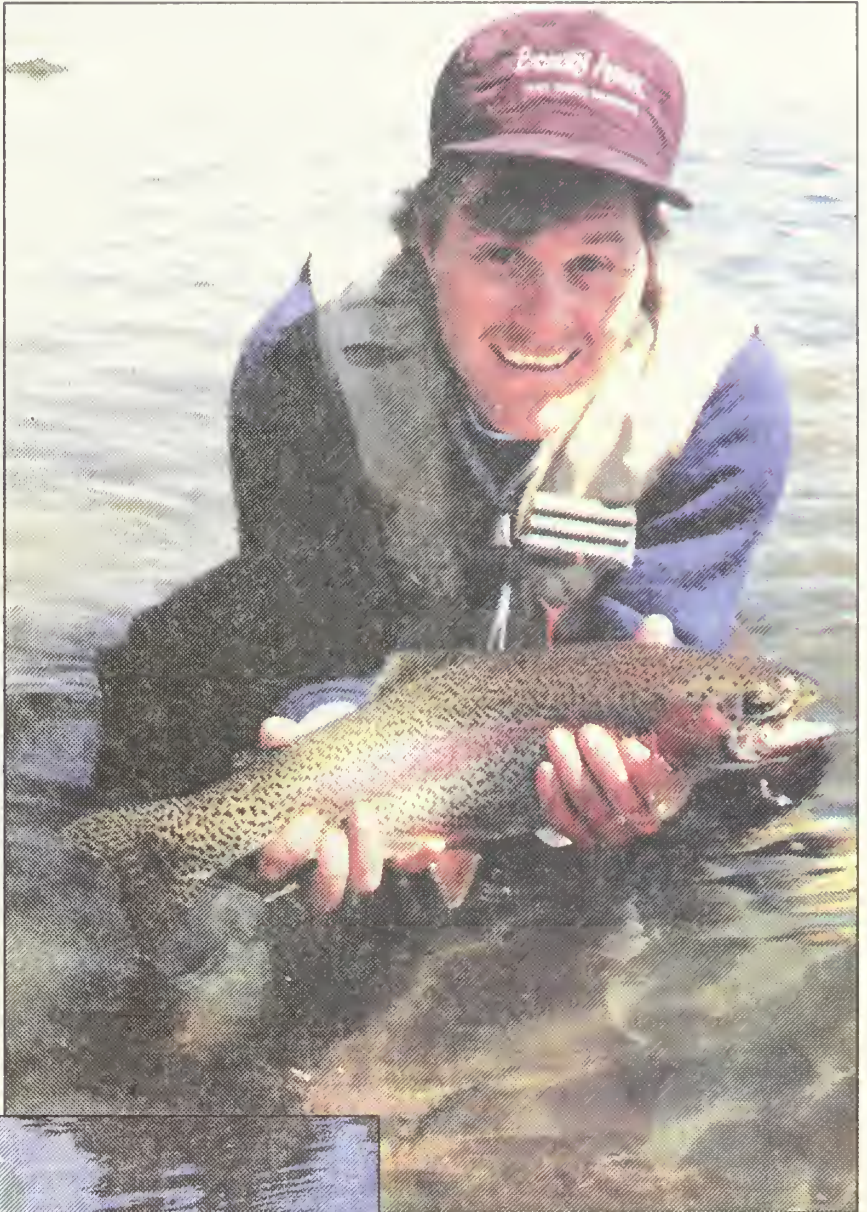
Some For The Record Book

Five record-size fish were caught on Montana's waters in 1997. Robert Reishus caught a 39.77 lb. carp on Eyraud Lake. Blaine X. Grisak caught a .03 lb. mottled sculpin on Sheep Creek in Meagher County. Jack G. Housel, Jr. caught a 33.1 lb. rainbow trout on the Kootenai River at David Thompson Bridge. Joe Sobczak caught a 4.04 lb. tiger trout at Bear Lake. Vernon Pacovsky caught a 1.79 lb. white bass at the Bainville Slough.

Custer Country's Record Fish

Following are the record fish caught in the Custer Country tourism region of the state: black crappie, 3 lb. 2 oz., by Al Elser, 1973, Tongue River Reservoir; blue sucker, 11.46 lb., Doug Askin, 1989, Yellowstone River near Miles City; green sunfish 0.56 lb., Roger Fliger, 1991, Castle Rock Reservoir; northern pike, 37 lb. 8 oz., Lance Moyler, 1972, Tongue River Reservoir; paddlefish, 142 lb. 8 oz, Larry Branstetter, 1973, Missouri River; river carp-sucker 3.50 lb., James Jessen, 1991, Yellowstone River near Terry; rock bass, .57 lb., Don Holzheimer, 1989, Tongue River Reservoir; shovelnose sturgeon, 13.72 lb., Sidney L. Storm, 1986, Missouri River; pallid sturgeon, 60 lb., Gene Sattler, 1979, Yellowstone River; white crappie, 3.68 lb., Gene Bassett, 1996, Tongue River; yellow bull-head, .84 lb., Mike Vaughn, 1996, Conter's Bass Pond.

For a complete copy of Montana's record fish of all species, write to the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620.



Scott Warden holds this rainbow just long enough for the camera lens to capture the vivid stripe that gives this species its name, then releases it back into the water.

Photo courtesy of Exodus Outfitters



Gordon Rose, owner of Quill Gordon guide service, holds two fish caught simultaneously out of the same boat by two of his Texas clients on the Bighorn River. Both fish were hooked on a fly called Gordy's Worm.

Photo courtesy of Quill Gordon

Fishing Licenses & Access

Maybe you are a fly fisherman who knows every cadis and streamer. Or perhaps you prefer lures, or maybe live bait. And then again, maybe you have never fished before in your life.

No matter what your category, plan on doing some fishing in Montana's Custer Country Region. Bring your own rod and tackle box, or let one of the abundant sporting goods shops outfit you.

Any fisherman has heard the fame of the Yellowstone and Bighorn Rivers. And the Tongue River Reservoir spawns beauties like the walleye shown on this page. There are numerous other rivers, streams, reservoirs and ponds throughout the area abundant with fish.

Variety: Variety is the name of the fishing game here. Nowhere else can you catch cutthroat (Montana's native), rainbow, brown, and brook trout; kokanee and coho salmon; walleye; sauger; whitefish; bass; catfish; ling; sturgeon; and the prehistoric paddlefish all in one region.

Licenses and Regulations:

Resident fishing licenses are \$13.00 plus a \$4 conservation license. Residents 12-14 and over 62 need only a conservation license to fish. All nonresidents, 15 years and older will need a Montana fishing license. A nonresident of any age may purchase a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish. A nonresident temporary fishing license, valid for two consecutive days, costs \$10. A season license is \$45. Nonresidents will need a \$5 conservation license besides the fishing license. The license year runs from March 1 to February 28. If you go paddlefish fishing, in addition to your fishing licenses, you will need to purchase a paddlefish tag. These are \$2.50 for residents and \$7.50 for nonresidents, maximum of two per person..

For complete information on regulations, limits, seasons, baits, etc., write: Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional

Headquarters, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105. Or write: Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters, P.O. Box 1630, Miles City, MT 59301.

Access Abounds

Fishing access sites, managed by the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, are noted on the map on page 6 of this publication. Facilities at each vary somewhat. However, some are furnished with restrooms and most have camping and picnicking facilities.

Boat ramps are available at many locations. A fishing pond booklet for southeastern Montana, which is designed



Montana is a fishing paradise. Whether you catch and eat the firm fish from cold, clear waters, or catch and release, a day fishing is a day for the memory book.

Dick Torbert Photo

to help anglers find good farm and ranch ponds, is available at the two FWP offices in Custer Country listed above.

Please Ask First

Montana works hard to maintain a good sportsman/landowner relationship. What makes things run smoothly can be summed up in two words—"ask permission." The Montana Stream Access Law states that rivers and streams capable of recreational use may be so used by the public up to the ordinary high water marks. However, although Montana law gives sportsmen the right to pursue water-based recreational activities within the high water marks of rivers and streams (except rifle hunting), it does not give recreationists the right to enter posted lands bordering those streams or to cross private lands to gain access to streams. You must ask permission first.

Also, sections 16 and 36 within each township of the state are designated as "State Land." A Recreational Use License is required to cross or use any state lands. See page 37.



Tongue River Reservoir

John Brewer Photo

A Treasure of Wildlife Viewing



Hysham, the county seat of Treasure County, is bordered just to the north by the Yellowstone River and to the south by beautiful rolling hills.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, soon after Montana territory earned its statehood in 1889, Hysham was a part of the great expanse of Custer County. It was on what was then Crow Indian Reservation. Cattle branded with the Flying E grazed near the Northern Pacific tracks where trainmen threw off supplies "for Hysham." Charlie J. Hysham was associated with the Flying E Ranch which ran thousands of cattle in an area between the Bighorn River on the west to Reservation Creek on the east, and from the Yellowstone River to the Wyoming line.

Vacation Package

River Forts: Treasure County has some outstanding historic sites. Manuel Lisa built the first building, a fur trading post in Montana near the mouth of the Bighorn River in 1807. Fort Cass was the first fort built by the American Fur Co. on the Yellowstone, just three miles below the mouth of the Bighorn. Fort Pease was a stockade constructed in 1875, near the mouth of the Bighorn, as a defense against a party of Sioux Indians and also as a trading post. Remnants of Fort Pease still stand on the original site. Other locations of forts remain a mystery.

Rural America: Located about half-

way between Miles City and Billings on Interstate 94, Hysham has just about everything a visitor could need. This agricultural community spreads out in a panorama of green fields, pasture land and strips of grain. The community has four churches, a swimming pool for youngsters and adults, a city park with covered picnic facilities and free overnight camping, and tennis courts available at the school. For small airplanes, there is a lighted airport landing strip about two miles east of Hysham along a secondary highway.

Treasure County has a museum on Hysham's main street. "Tales of Treasure County," a history of the people and events of the area is sold at the museum. Across from the museum is the historic Yucca Theater. A white buffalo concrete sculpture is an item of historic and artistic interest that stands as a sentinel in front of the theater.

Wildlife, Roping, Recreation: Deer and antelope, pheasants, geese, turkeys, grouse, sage hens, and ducks make good hunting for local and out-of-state hunters.

The Myers Arena, about six miles from Hysham, is operated by members of the Treasure Riders, who sponsor roping and riding events during summer months.

Along the Yellowstone, which meanders through the area, there are numerous access sites for traveler enjoyment. As shown on the map, there is a boat dock at the state fishing access site at Myers Bridge. Take a break in Hysham and explore the fossil dig. Enjoy agate hunting or fishing, camping or boating.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the annual 4th of July parade, barbecue, and fireworks at the City Park.

Dinosaurs: Conclusive evidence that palm trees and duckbill dinosaurs (edmontosaurus) existed at the same time was discovered several miles west

of Hysham in 1994. The fossils have been excavated for study at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, MT.

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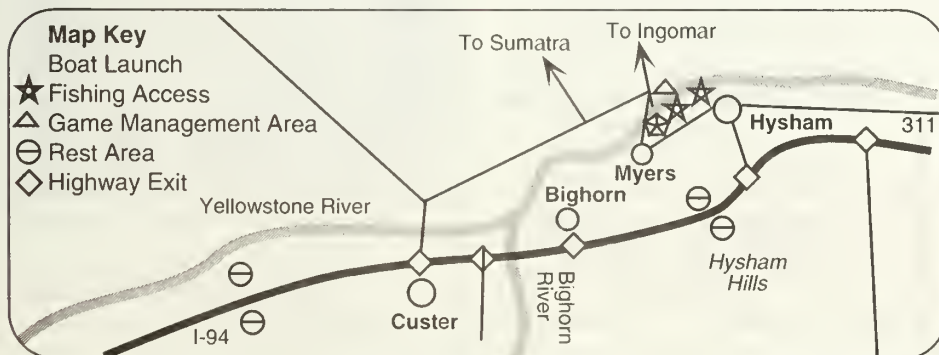
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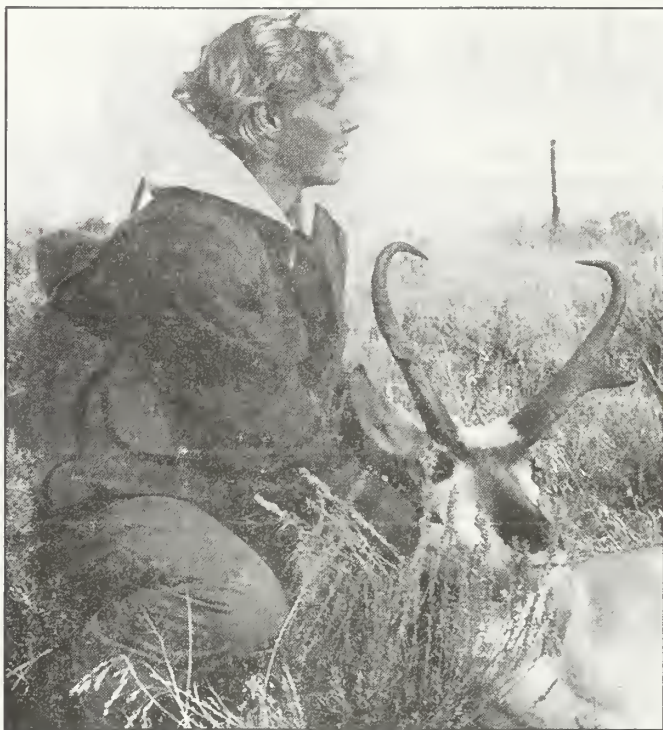
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Successful hunter, Kim Baglien, shot this 15 inch pronghorn antelope in southeastern Montana. It ranks in the Boone and Crocket Record Book.

Bull Mountain Outfitters Photo



Custer

River Junction Town

"The town was very prettily located along the bank of the Yellowstone..." So wrote a steamboat captain about Junction City in the 1880's. Not much remains of Junction today—some old bottles and buttons and lots of tall tales—but the same quote can be said of Custer, the offshoot of Junction, born as the

Yellowstone washed away at her.

Custer is a friendly town with lots of surprises for the traveler. Along the nearby Yellowstone River there is fishing, camping, boating and water skiing. Explore rustic Boothill Cemetery and the site of old Junction, north of downtown Custer, dedicated to the driver of an ill-fated stage coach,— "She was a daisy while she lasted."

Services available in Custer include a motel, antique and gift shop, gasoline, groceries, eats, repairs, and the local pubs. Take a break and stretch your legs in the city park, which boasts tennis courts, a volleyball court and plenty of room for picnics. The old Great Northern Depot is in the park. Though the depot is in the process of being restored, shiny new bathroom facilities are already available for public use.

The River

Fishing Variety: The lower Yellowstone has an amazing uncrowded fishery all its own — channel catfish, sauger, ling, walleye, shovelnose sturgeon and trout.

The Captain Clark fishing access is approximately nine miles west of Custer. The area is about 95 acres of mostly agricultural land. Exit off I-94 at the Waco Interchange. Take the Frontage Road east approximately 2.5 miles, then turn toward the river for 3/4 of a mile to the access.

The Manuel Lisa fishing access is about 4.5 miles east of Custer. The area is about 34 acres of shady bottom land. Exit off I-94 at the State Highway 47 exit. Travel two miles east on the Frontage Road. Buffalo berry bushes offer tiny ripened orange-red berries in late August. Watch the thorns that protect each cluster!

"Poor Man's Lobster:" Ling, the eel-like fish with the strange appearance and the delicious flavor of lobster, are caught in the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers from the end of November to the end of February. Minnows and worms are the bait to use. Custer, just minutes away from the confluence of these two rivers, has many resident experts who can provide the fisherman with directions and tips.

Agates: This is also a prime agate hunting area. Floating the river allows recreationists to search the many sand and gravel bars along the shore as well as those exposed in midstream.

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Valley Near the Little Snowies



Golden Valley County was named one autumn day after frost had colored the trees along the Musselshell River a brilliant yellow. The river flows across the width of the county, and for present day tourist travel, Interstate Highway 12 follows the same scenic route. In contrast, the Big Snowy Mountains lie east and west on the northern border. Long ago, the last of the road signs which marked the famous Buffalo Trail Highway were taken as souvenirs. Today, a historic monument commemorates the site where Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians crossed the Musselshell River in their flight north toward Canada.



Pronghorn antelope are numerous on Custer Country's prairies.

Gloria Wester Photo



Wooly sheep banded together are herded across Montana grasslands. They are part of the agricultural base of the state's economy, where farming and ranching and all of the production stages of agriculture are the number one industry.

Donna Delp Photo

Ryegate

Dead Man's Basin: Ryegate, the county seat, is on the western edge of the Custer Country tourism region. Nestled under the high rimrocks of the Musselshell River, the town is set in true central Montana cattle and sheep ranch land. The State Recreation Area of Dead Man's Basin, a few miles west, is well known for camping, fishing, boating and swimming.

Services: In Ryegate a visitor will find a grocery store, restaurant, two bars, a post office, and gas station.

Lavina

About 45 miles northwest of Billings, on Highway 3, the most direct route to Canada from the south, is Lavina, the center of a farming and ranching community where everyone is considered a friend and neighbor.

History: Lavina, on the north-south route, was an early trading post and stage stop, started in the late 1800's by Walter Burke, who operated the stage line. When the railroad came through in the early 1900's, many of the build-

ings in town were built, the historic Adams Hotel being one of the first. This famous landmark still sits on Main Street as a tribute to this once bustling town.

Fishing: The Musselshell River is noted for its catfish and trout. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased at the Lavina Bar. Stop and fish in some of the lakes and streams or hunt the various wildlife that is in the area.

Services: Lavina has a country store, a cafe, city park, a service station, a bar, a beauty shop, post office, churches, a senior citizen center, and a meat cutting business. A blacksmith and a potter make a variety of items.

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Head 'Em Up!

Cattle Drive: One of the highlights in Roundup this year will be the ninth annual Roundup Cattle Drive. This event is organized by Roundup Cattle Drives, Inc. The drive is the western adventure of a lifetime (though not as dramatic as the movie, "City Slickers," makes it look!)

You'll enjoy the scenery of the wide open trail for six days and five nights, August 16-21, this summer.

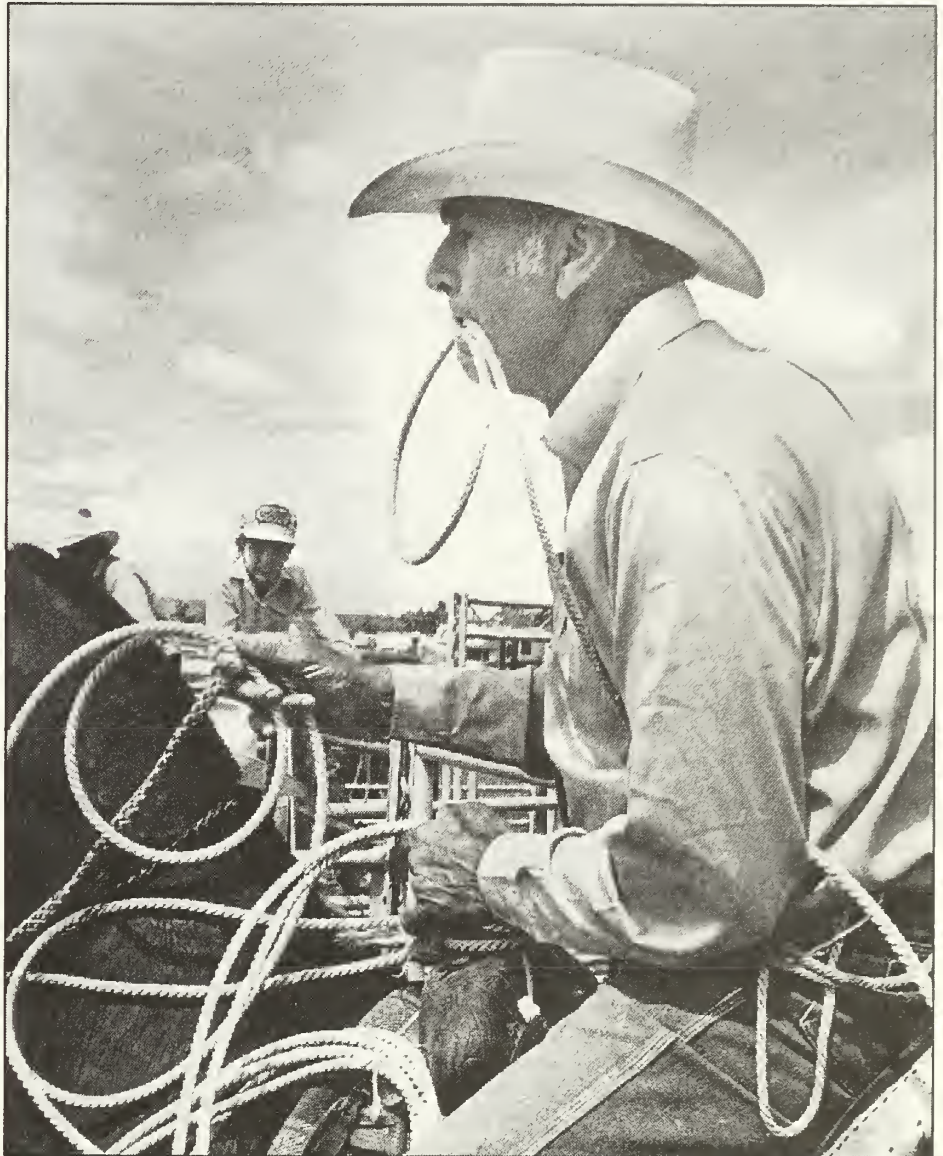
One of the previous cattle drive participants shared these highlights of the journey:

"The adventure begins with riders and horses being matched up. Those of us who are a little too 'asphalt' for five days on horseback were assigned to wagon seats. Seasoned cowboys were on hand to help get horses saddled and guests settled.

"The first night's campsite was just a few miles down the trail. We pitched tents, had showers (tent style), and had a fantastic meal, fit for an outdoor appetite. We'd already made lots of friends and enjoyed live western music and dancing under the stars in the middle of the prairie. I heard a coyote call as I was falling asleep.

"It is up at dawn on the trail, watching wranglers catch horses. We were greeted with a hearty breakfast with cowboy coffee.

"We had lots of fun events and only minor mishaps on the trail. One of the favorite stories of mine is about a girl from New York who was on the drive with us. Her boyfriend saw some television coverage of her on the drive, and



The National Old Timers Rodeo Association, organized in 1979, is headquartered in Roundup, and Montana was one of the original seven states in the organization. Fifty sanctioned rodeos are held each year, with contestants participating in these events to qualify for the National Finals held each fall.

Mike McCleary Photo

he flew out and met her and presented her with an engagement ring.

"For me, it was just the time of my life. I'm going back this next year!"

This year's drive will begin at the ranch house of the Brown Ranch, about 30 miles outside of Roundup. Not a single motorized vehicle will be seen during the cattle drive days. Besides being fun, the cattle drive is a real learning experience for participants who get a chance to find out exactly what farming and ranching operations are all about and why the delicate balance of the environment has always been so crucial here.

Around Town

Fascinating Business District: The city has undergone a rejuvenation. The linden and flowering crab trees that you see flourishing along Main Street were a project of the Beauty Undertaken for Decades (BUD) organization. The trees were planted by many people in the community and symbolize a united effort. Planters full of flowers and benches for a rest in the business district are other inviting touches.

Businesses offer everything from quilt and clothing shops to antiques and gourmet and espresso coffee shops. Restaurant selections include a

24-hour family cafe, fast food and dining/lounges.

Parks and Campgrounds: The city has a park, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, golf course, hospital, municipal airport and a museum. The CowBelle Campground, located at the fairgrounds on the southeastern edge of Roundup, offers free overnight camping and RV parking. The peaceful setting, on the banks of the Musselshell River, provides a beautiful location for family reunions, camping and barbecues. An RV dump is available at

Bartow's Welding, 806 1st E. in town.

Stories of the Past

Museum: Roundup is famous for its Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, open April through September, 1-5 p.m. daily. On entering, sign in on the old registry of the early day Adams Hotel of Lavina. The museum houses a coal tunnel, complete with wooden car, carbide lamps, lunch pails, maps and photos. The exhibits tell the story of the birth of Roundup.

Other exhibits include fossils, local Indian artifacts, and paintings by local artists. Special rooms display the old Rothiemy Store and post office, a one room rural school, a dressmaker shop, and original operating rooms of the old Vicars Hospital.

Changing exhibits, such as quilt shows, and local artist and sculpture showings are scheduled for one area of the museum during the summer months. The grounds have a blacksmith shop, print shop and the old NF Ranch home, built in 1884. Guided tours through the museum are actually living history lessons. No admission is charged.

Wildlife Museum: A free western and wildlife museum at Bull Mountain Trading Company on Main Street has some spectacular taxidermy mounts and tools, trappings, and memories of the West.

A hanging tree scene on Roundup's main street is a reminder of early-day justice in Montana Territory.

**Where the Deer and Antelope Roam
Scenery and Wildlife:** The Bull

Mountains, south of Roundup, offer beautiful roadside geology and pine trees. Companies, adhering to careful reclamation processes, mine coal in these mountains. North of town are oil wells, evidence of another rich mineral in the area. Also near Roundup are the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Watch for deer, antelope, turkeys and pheasants when you drive through the area. Sharp-eyed spotters will see elk grazing against the backdrop of the Bull Mountains. Deer are especially noticeable at dusk and dawn on the side roads.

Fishing: The Musselshell River, noted for its fine trout and catfish, also offers plentiful spots for relaxing picnics along its lazy banks. The oblong mussels, for which the river is named, can be collected as "jewels of the Musselshell."

Action!

Activities: Summer months in the Roundup area are full of activities such as rodeos ("rodeo" is the Spanish word for "roundup"), bazaars, demolition derbies and fairs. Spring, summer and fall outdoor activities include fishing, hunting, backpacking, camping, golf, tennis, sightseeing and photography. Cross country skiing and snowmobiling add to the wintertime fun.

Bump & Run Motocross: You will want to be sure to attend the Bump & Run motocross competitions held throughout the summer. The excitement and thrill is contagious as the drivers navigate turns, bumps and jumps



Musselshell Valley Historical Museum and homesteader cabin, Roundup, Montana

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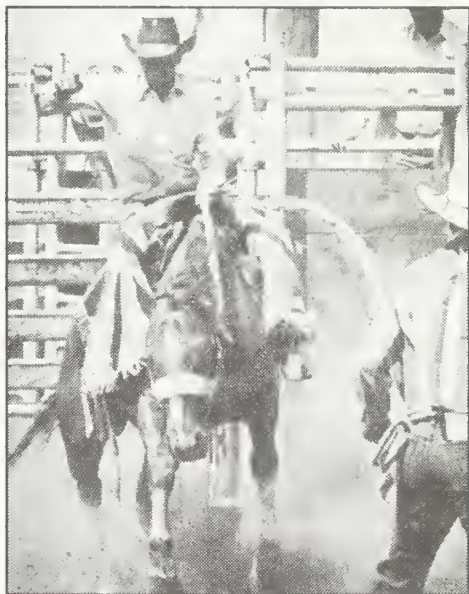
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while trying to "bump" the other drivers out of the way and be the first to cross the finish line.

Towns East of Roundup

Smaller and Quieter Now: While you are in the area, check out these towns along Highway 12, between Forsyth and Roundup. Musselshell is a quiet little town with easy access to the Musselshell River. Nearby are Melstone, Ingomar, Sumatra and Vananda. Once bustling agriculture towns along Highway 12, the now small communities remain as frontiers of close-knit neighborliness to area residents. The Jersey Lilly Cafe at Ingomar is known for its rustic amenities and good pot of beans.

1998 Events in Roundup

May: Musselshell Valley Historical Museum Opens.....2
Bump & Run Motocross Rally TBA
Chamber of Commerce Trade Show
June: Bump & Run Motocross.....TBA



Pine Ridge Golf Course in Roundup is a fun and challenging 9-hole round, built at the base of rolling hills.

John Brewer Photo



Cowboys and cowgirls start young in Custer Country. You need a horse, boots, steady reins, and a good trainer with a lead rope.

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July: Parade, Night Show, Fireworks 3
Parade & NRA Rodeo 4
Tri-County Horse Show 11-13
County & 4-H Fair 23-26
Shakespeare in the Park TBA
Aug.: Bump & Run Motocross TBA

Roundup Cattle Drive 16-21
Sept.: Bump & Run Motocross.....TBA
Musselshell Valley Historical Museum Closes.....end of September
Oct.: Halloween Parade.....31
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Huntley Project, located east of Billings on I-94, is a valley of lush crops. The valley is actually made up of four small communities: Huntley, Worden, Ballantine, and Pompeys Pillar.

The name "Huntley Project" is short for Huntley Irrigation Project, which is the second U.S. Bureau of Reclamation irrigation project. The area was part of the Crow Indian Reservation from 1874 to 1904 when the government purchased the 35,000 acres, stretching 27 miles—from Huntley east to the Little Bull Mountains.

The irrigation headgates opened on the project July 22, 1907, and homesteading began. The Huntley Post Office was established in 1877, one mile upstream from present day Huntley. It was a stage station and stopping off place for freighters and travelers. It also served as head of steamboat navigation on the Yellowstone River. In 1882 Northern Pacific Railway built a section house and depot a mile east and on the opposite bank of the river, and the growth center of Huntley followed. Since the town was located in the project, the Huntley Irrigation Project name came naturally.

Reliving the Heritage

Homesteader Days: In 1964 the

Huntley Project Lions Club organized the first "Homesteader Days."

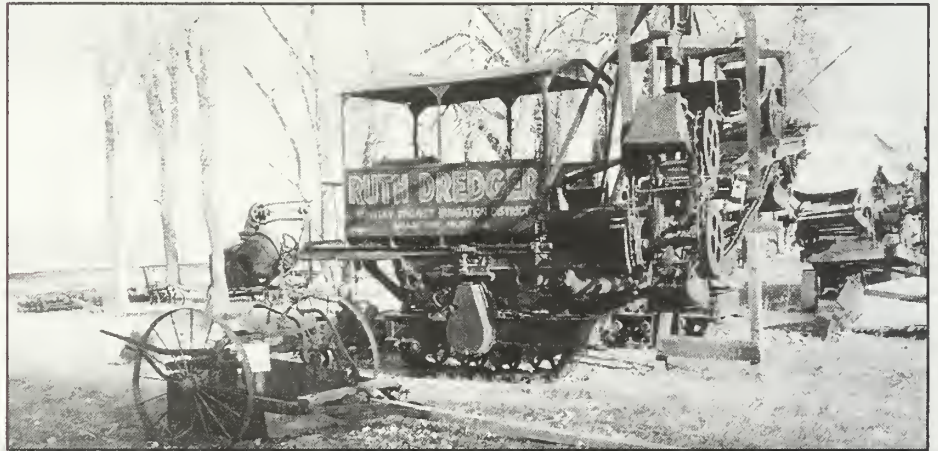
The two-day celebration is held each year on the third weekend in July at Homesteader Park, located adjacent to the State Experiment Station, which is fifteen miles east of Billings on old Highway 10 and also accessible off the interstate. See the map illustration on the next page.

The Annual Homesteader Days will be July 18-19, 1998. Homesteader Hall, a memorial to homesteaders who settled the area, is a 1989 state centennial project of the Huntley Project Lions

Club. The 40x60, kitchen-equipped hall is available for reunions and other group activities when reservations are made by calling (406) 348-3812.

The celebration honors a hardy breed of pioneers who came on foot, by covered wagon, or by immigrant train to carve out a fertile valley in a land of sagebrush and greasewood.

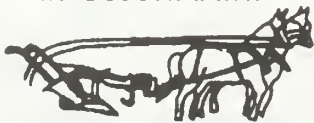
Homesteader Days activities are designed for all ages, just as they were in early history. They include kiddie rides, parades, booths, crafts, bingo, homesteader games, antique machinery, a floor show and church services.



The tenth Annual Threshing Bee will be Aug. 15-16 at the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture next to the MSU Experiment Station, approximately 15 miles east of Billings on U.S. Highway 312 between Huntley and Worden. Presented by the South Central Montana Antique Tractor and Machinery Association, the show will feature steam and gas threshing, a stationary engine display, tractor and horse plowing, hay baling, binding, saw mill and shingle mill, working blacksmith shop, tractor competitions, a parade, arts, crafts, musical entertainment and concessions. Visitors and exhibitors are welcome. For information write Dick or Sue Tombrink, 2250 Rd. 12 N., Worden, MT 59088 or call 406-967-6687.

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Huntley Project Museum at Osborn Park



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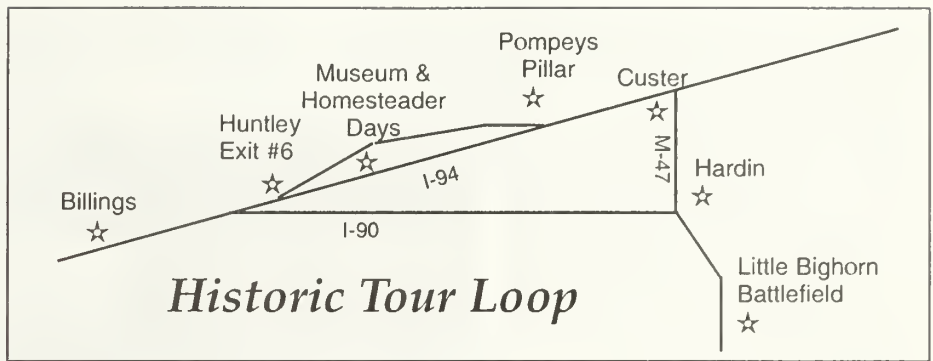
The admission is just one dollar for adults and children 11 and older. All younger children are admitted free.

Story of the Land

Museum of Irrigated Agriculture: The Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture is located in the townsite of the early-day town called Osborn. The collection is southern Montana's most outstanding museum of irrigated agriculture artifacts, with over 5,000 items displayed. It is the most complete museum of beet, small grain and early-day machinery, much of which has been restored to original condition and painted with authentic colors.

The museum interprets the preservation, restoration and display of the machinery, buildings and other homesteader implements, which were used by settlers of the irrigation project area.

The slogan of the museum is inviting in itself: "A thousand smiles and a million memories await you." And to that, the community adds a warm invitation



to take a short diversion off the interstate into the world and tools of our agricultural heritage.

Readers interested in the details about Huntley Irrigation Project, "Old Huntley" and the Huntley Project Museum may write to: Huntley Project Museum, c/o Jerrol Muller, 2561 S. 22nd Rd., Worden, MT 59088.

A gift shop and antique shop are located at the museum complex.

1998 Activities in Huntley

Homesteader Days.....July 18-19

Threshing Bee.....August 15-16

Highway Attractions

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Heading

east from Huntley and Pompeys Pillar, watch the sandstone hillsides for a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The local project put this area of Montana under the watchful eye of the statue of the apparition of the Mother of God, which occurred near Mexico City in 1531. It is just past I-94 mile marker 33 and is lighted at night.

In the same area, holiday travelers are treated to a manger scene on the north side of the interstate, where the Conter Ranch sets up an outdoor crèche that is often surrounded by their live, long-eared spotted asses.

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The Journals: As the Lewis and

Clark Trail Heritage Foundation states in a brochure, "Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, together with Sgts. Ordway, Gass and Floyd, and Private Whitehouse, recorded for posterity, the amazing chronicle of this great event in U.S. history.

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The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. may be contacted by writing P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403. The non-profit organization

accepts memberships and provides members with a quarterly publication, "We Proceeded On."

Exploring the Yellowstone: Lewis and the rest of the party had split from Captain William Clark's party on July 3, 1806 at present day Missoula to explore what is now northern Montana. Nine of the men went in Clark's party. Also accompanying them were interpreters, Toussaint Charbonneau, his Shoshoni wife Sacagawea (also commonly spelled Sacajawea and meaning "bird woman"), and their baby Jean Baptiste, (whom Clark called Pomp).

The Lewis and Clark Journals chronicle many exciting events in the Custer Country region, from the Park City-Laurel area to the Glendive region.

Shoshoni "Pilot:" From the Three Forks of the Missouri River to the Yellowstone River, Sacagawea was commended for recalling Shoshoni travel routes. Clark called her his "pilot," for pointing out a gap through the mountains, the modern day Bozeman Pass.

Dangers: From the Three Forks area, where they camped July 13, to the Park City area, which they reached on July 19, the expedition had difficulty finding cottonwoods large enough to be made into canoes. They were traveling overland with 49 horses. Along this stretch, Private George Gibson fell on a burned snag that went "nearly two inches into the Muskeler part of his thy," according to Clark's journal entry. Then, while Charbonneau was chasing a buffalo, his horse stepped into a badger hole, throwing him over the horse's head and he was "a good deel brused on his hip sholder & face." The party also encountered "emence swarms of Grasshoppers..." Further, Indian smoke signals had been seen that were interpreted as "takeing us to be their Enemy made this signal for other bands to be on their guard."

However, game was abundant. Chokecherry wood was found for axe handles, and, eventually, near Park City, two suitable cottonwoods were found for canoes.

Stolen Horses: On the morning of July 21, the intent of the smoke signals was discovered. Twenty-four of the horses had been stolen in the night. The remaining horses were troublesome, since they insisted on chasing every buffalo encountered, as their original owners, Indians, had taught them to do.

Canoes Ready: On July 23 the



This J.K. Ralston painting depicts Custer and his men being fired upon by Indians while they camped at Pompeys Pillar. The incident occurred in 1873, three years before the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

canoes were ready. Clark and the rest lashed the two canoes together and headed down river. Three men took the remaining 25 horses overland. July 24 they floated past where the Clark Fork River flows into the Yellowstone River near Laurel, a place the Indians called "The lodge where all dance." Indeed, a large council lodge 60 feet in diameter had been built on an island there.

Just west of present day Billings, at the mouth of Canyon Creek, the horse party met Clark and the others, and they crossed the men and horses to the south bank of the Yellowstone. They camped east of Billings near the mouth of Pryor Creek.

Pompy's Tower: On July 25, the party noticed a huge sandstone rock not far from the river. Clark climbed it and saw "Emence herds of Buffalows, Elk and wolves." Indian pictographs were on the rock, and to them he added his name and the date: Wm. Clark, July 25, 1806. He named the rock Pompy's Tower (now called Pompeys Pillar) after Sacagawea's baby.

Bellowing Buffalo: At the mouth of the Bighorn River, their July 26 camp, the group was kept awake by the bellowing of the buffalo bulls.

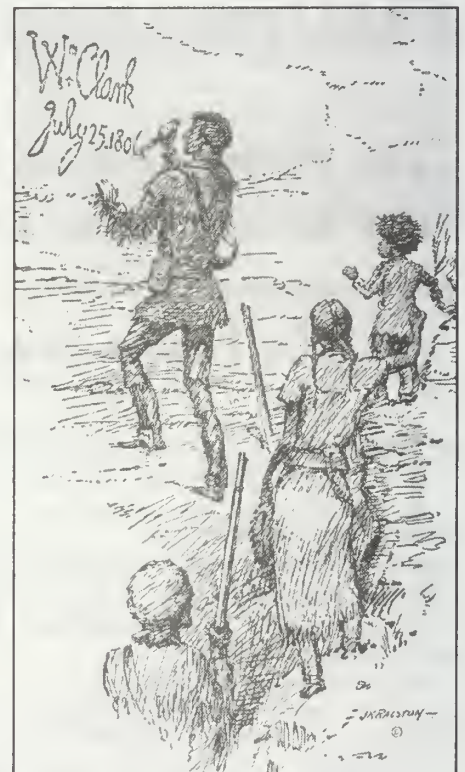
Elk River: Castle Rock, near present Forsyth, where the party camped the 27th, was noted in the journals. On the 28th, floating past Rosebud, Porcupine, and other creeks, the notable entry of the day was "The elk on the bank of the river were so abundant that we have not been out of sight of them today." The Indians, in fact, called the Yellowstone River the "Elk River," because of the herds.

On July 29, near present day Miles

Photo courtesy of U.S. Bureau of Land Management

City, Clark commented on "coal in great quantities" in the hills. On July 30, after one of the most difficult river navigations of what are present day Buffalo Rapids and Bear Rapids, the party came upon the Glendive Makoshika badlands, which Clark described as "birnt hills."

Grizzly Bear Encounter: On July 31, 1806, they camped near present



"I marked my name and the day of the month and year," wrote Captain William Clark in his journal. Sacagawea, her baby "Pomp," and another member of the exploration party watch him carve in this J.K. Ralston sketch.

Courtesy of US Bureau of Land Management

Glendive and recorded seeing a grizzly bear, "the largest I ever saw." It was eating a buffalo.

August 1 was rainy and windy. Clark reported that thousands of buffalo were crossing the river ahead of the canoes "as thick as they could swim." The herd was a quarter mile wide and took an hour and fifteen minutes to cross the river. After they set camp at present Savage (near Sidney) two more herds, just as big as the first, crossed the river.

By August 2, they reached the Missouri River, and would soon rejoin Lewis and his party.

(Source: "Clark on the Yellowstone," Hoofprints Magazine, by John Willard)

On their journey through what would become Custer Country, Clark recorded what has become one of the most interesting historic trails in the world. Watch for signs that point out the trail and details of their journey as you travel where these brave, early explorers traveled nearly 200 years ago.

Pompeys Pillar

Pompeys Pillar is one of the most famous sandstone buttes in the United

States. It bears the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. On the face of the 150 foot butte, Captain William Clark carved his name in 1806 on the return route of the expedition.

He named the pillar in honor of Sacagawea's son Baptiste, whom he had nicknamed "Pomp."

Native Americans called the pillar "the place where the mountain lion lies." Some visitors think that a sandstone formation that is a part of the pillar which resembles a mountain lion's head is the reason for the name. Another theory is born out of the fact that live mountain lions have been spotted in the area.

In November, 1991, through the efforts of the Committee for the Preservation of Pompeys Pillar, the national landmark and surrounding land were purchased from a private owner by the Bureau of Land Management.

Three J. K. Ralston paintings, other artwork, and a Lewis and Clark Trails historical library were also donated to the public by the private owners as a part of the transaction.

The view of the signature will be open to the public from Memorial Day through September, 1998. The landmark is open to walk-in visitation only in the off season. BLM staff members and Pompeys Pillar Association volunteers operate the attraction.

Famous Carving: A boardwalk leads to Clark's signature and to the top of the pillar. Trails lead visitors past wild game antlers and Lewis and Clark canoe replicas down to a view of the river. It is easy to see why Clark's journals talk of the strong currents and dangers of the Yellowstone River. Though it looks broad and tame near the pillar, undercurrents and channels can prove a strong foe.

Birds and other wildlife are abundant in the area. Buffalo berries and other native vegetation may be identified.

Historic preservation development of the area is in progress. Comments are welcome and should be directed to: Pompeys Pillar Association, P.O. Box 213, Worden, MT 59088.



'Clark Day' is celebrated each year at Pompeys Pillar, the sandstone butte 22 miles east of Huntley where Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806 carved his name. Canoes paddling to the site, food, entertainment, and interpretive activities are scheduled for Sunday, July 26 in 1998.

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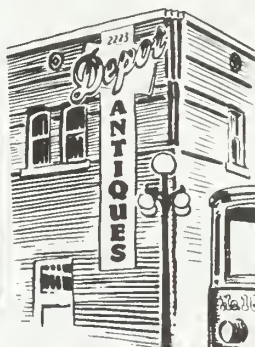
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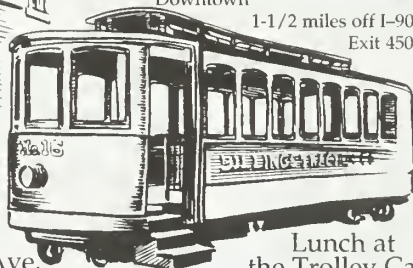


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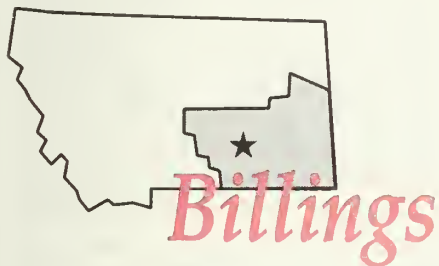
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Don't miss the Visitor Center just off exit 450 for information about Billings and area attractions. In front of the center is a heroic size monument commemorating the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989. The bronze is a cowboy on a horse, herding two longhorn steers. Bring your camera for your photo beside the monument. For a complete Billings calendar of events, write or call the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107. (406) 245-4111 or 1-800-735-2635.

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In between, kick up your heels and explore the "Magic City," founded in 1882 by the president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, Frederick Billings. Catch the latest entertainment options at one of the special art shows, plays, exhibits or movies on tap at venues throughout Montana's largest city.

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The Yellowstone Art Center's Summerfair (July 18-19, 1998) is one of the many art and craft fairs that draw thousands of people to Billings.

Yellowstone Art Center Photo

will get you around the city streets and to specific points of interest.

The interstate highway system serves Billings from the south, east and west via I-90 and I-94. Major passenger, charter and package bus lines also serve the area with numerous daily arrivals and departures.

Information, Please: Your information center to attractions in Billings, the region and the state is the Billings Area

Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 815 South 27th Street off I-90 Exit 450 (406) 252-4016 or 1-800-735-2635. Visitors are welcomed by the Cattle Drive monument, standing in tribute to the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989. Brochures, information, and friendly assistance await you. They are your information passport to the West!

Attractions and Points of Interest

Billings is the gateway to our nation's legendary western heritage in many ways. Over a century of cowboys, cowgirls, Indians, rustlers and Custer still dominate the galleries, museums, cabins, mansions and historic sites within the "Magic City."

Walk through a period when the untamed Yellowstone River Valley was in her infancy. Places, people and images of the valley from 1880-1940 showcase an interactive museum in the turn-of-the-century **Western Heritage Center**. At 2822 Montana Ave., (406) 256-6809. Free.

Vital to the valley's early growth were the familiar chugging, smoke-belching steam engines. The last to operate in Billings overlooks the city it helped create at the **Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum**. Indian artifacts, pioneer tools, firearms, antique clothing and military uniforms are part of the collection. Mon.-Fri. 10:30-5, Sat 10:30-3. At the airport, (406) 256-6811. Free.

The railroad brought prosperity to Billings, and prosperity brought Preston B. Moss. In 1901, architect H.J. Hardenbergh (designer of the Waldorf-Astoria and Plaza Hotel in New York City) erected the elegant Moss estate. Featured on A&Es America's Castles, the three-story **Moss Mansion** remains authentically furnished and open year-round for hourly tours. At 914 Division Street, (406) 256-5100. Admission fee.

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The rugged embrace of the **Rimrocks**, surrounding Billings, branded this area since time began. Billings' history unfolds along the **Black Otter Trail** winding along this elevated sandstone skyline. The trail is named for a Crow Indian chief who was buried here after his death at the hands of a Sioux war party. The scenic trail begins at US 10 in east Billings.

Rugged as the Rimrocks enclosing their tombstones, were the outlaws, marshals and townsfolk of Coulson, who haunt **Boothill Cemetery** along Black Otter Trail. Violence and death were common to the residents of this 1800s Old West town, and to the Army scout, Muggins Taylor, who carried the news of Custer's defeat to the world. He was buried here after a shoot-out.

Campaigns to force Native Americans onto reservations increased following Custer's defeat. Frontiersman and scout, "Yellowstone" Kelly, was called upon to guide the Army on its quest. **Yellowstone Kelly's grave**, west of Boothill, is shadowed by five majestic mountain ranges—the

Bighorns, Pryors, Beartooths, Crazies and Snowies.

Indian warriors were slowly defeated not only by the Army, but by a white man's disease—smallpox. **Sacrifice Cliff**, part of the Rimrocks, located just south of the Yellowstone River and opposite Boothill, was the site of a Crow village. Legend tells that upon a war party's return, young braves found the village decimated by smallpox. Warriors blindfolded their ponies and rode them over the cliff to appease the gods and halt the epidemic.

Walk in their steps. They were the most famous explorers in American history. Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark. **Pompeys Pillar** bears the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Captain Clark carved "Wm. Clark, July 25, 1806" in the sandstone cliff. Open Memorial Day through first Sunday in October. 28 miles east of Billings; I-94 Exit 23.

Before the white man, before the Crow Indian, and long before the buffalo, the western Indian hunted the woolly mammoth, and documented the hunt with cave paintings. Over 4,500 years ago, **Pictograph Caves State Park** was home to these Indians. Paintings are still visible. Go southeast of Billings on I-90; take Lockwood Exit 452; follow signs 7 miles. Self-guided, handicap access trail with accompanying brochure available at site. Nominal park fee.

Artists have continued to adorn the West. You can view a sample of the contributions of modern artists along



Big city comforts are surrounded with the bounty of agriculture. Farmers markets in Billings offer produce right off the vine.

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the **Avenue of Sculptures**. Along 27th Street, from Exit 450 to the airport. In order from south to north: Cattle Drive Monument at the Visitor Center; "The Trough" in front of Norwest Bank, 175 N. 27th; Sheriff Webb memorial marker, courthouse lawn corner, 2nd Ave. N. and N. 27th; Range Rider of the

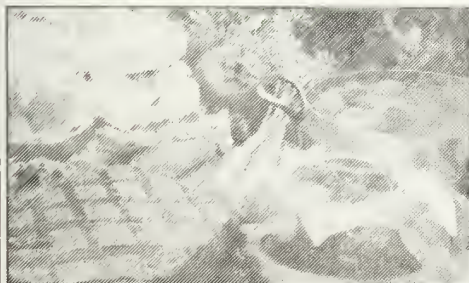


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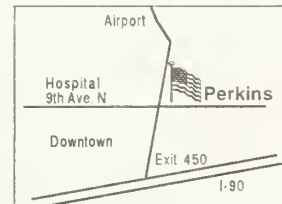
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Billings is spectacular from scout Yellowstone Kelly's grave overlooking the city from the rimrocks. It has big city comforts and opens the gateway to Montana and the Old West.

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Yellowstone equestrian statue, posed for by silent screen actor William S. Hart, in front of the airport.

If you listen closely, you can hear the past. It's the horses' hooves clicking on the cobblestones underneath the pavement in **Billings Historic District**, the preserved business district of early-day Montana Ave., N. 22nd Street to N. 30th Street downtown. In the heart of the historic district is the **Northern Pacific Depot**, currently undergoing restoration.

Arts and Entertainment

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enjoy the turn-of-the-century Montana homestead petting zoo in a farm and ranch setting. Open 10-4 daily. Exit 446; west on Frontage Road, north on Shiloh Road. Or Exit 446, King Ave. West, then Shiloh South. (406) 652-8100. \$4 adults, \$2 children 3-15, \$3 65 and older.

Fresh Air Recreation

Whether you're looking for broncbusting rodeo action or the relaxation of fishing or hunting, you'll be in good company around Billings. Teddy Roosevelt, Calamity Jane and Charles Lindberg sought refuge and recreation throughout the Billings area.

Watch Montana's wildlife by grabbing your binoculars and heading to the plains or hiking in the mountains that encapture Billings. Or, grab a rodeo bench to watch the toughest cowboys and cowgirls aboard the meanest and biggest bulls and broncs.

Try the colorful water adventure—wind surfing. At **Lake Elmo State Park**, your instructor will set you asail. Or float your cares away in your non-motorized or electrically propelled boat. Feet-on-the-ground fishermen cast tackle into the man-made lake, that channel catfish, crappie, yellow perch and large mouth bass now call theirs. Roger's Pier on the south side of the lake provides deeper access. Hikers and bird watchers enjoy the .7 mile trail, complete with benches for a pause to relax. Lifeguards supervise the wide beach area where picnickers savor shady feasts. In winter, enjoy cross country skiing. Heights Main Street to Pemberton Lane; west to the lake. Nominal park fee.

Trails for feet and hooves wind a labyrinth through **Riverfront Park** where fresh air enthusiasts have a year-round free access to fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, or a simple picnic. Non-motorized boats float across fishing waters, and horseback riders exercise their steeds on the equestrian trails. I-90 Exit 447; south on South Billings Boulevard.

If your horses have come on vacation with you, the **Trailin' Around Trail Ride Club** invites you to join their rides. Call (406) 373-6755 or 373-5977.

Call for tee times at these **public golf courses** in Billings: Circle Inn Golf Links (9, par 3) 248-4202; Lake Hills Golf Club (18) 252-9244; Par 3 Exchange City Golf Course, 652-2553; or Peter Yegen, Jr. Golf Club (18) 656-8099. Two

private courses allow limited public play: Briarwood Country Club (18) 248-2702; and Pryor Creek Golf Course (27) 256-0626.

Kids love to slide down the flume on a cushion of water at Big Splash Water Park at Exit 446. Waterslide entertainment on a slightly smaller scale is offered at the city's Rose Park north of Grand Ave. on 21st. St. West and Ave. C. Year round waterslide fun is available at the Clarion Hotel, Exit 446. Geyser Park Recreation Center at Exit 447 offers water and racetrack rides. Small children enjoy playing on the huge indoor train and at Lazermaster in West Park Plaza mall, 16th St. W. and Grand Ave. Wading pools and playground equipment are available in parks throughout all of Billings. Large municipal swimming pools offer a cool plunge at Athletic Park, N. 27th St. and 9th Ave. N. and at South Park, 6th Ave. S. and S. 30th St.

Mustard up a hot dog and buy a sack

of peanuts to settle in for the Cincinnati Red's Pioneer League farm team to throw the first pitch. The **Billings Mustangs** play at Cobb Field at 9th Ave. North and North 27th Street. (406) 252-1241.

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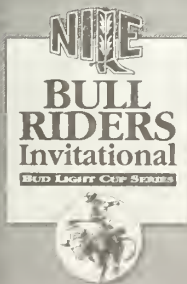
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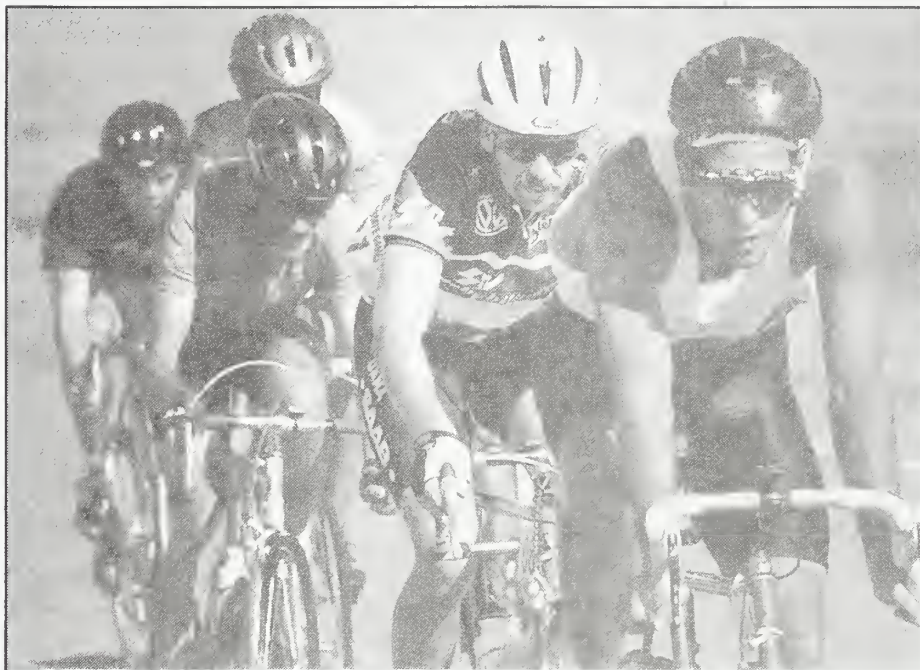
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Western Days: June 19-20—This celebration, more than 50 years old, of our western heritage is hosted by the Billings Jaycees. The event begins with a downtown barbecue, then features a big parade, children's activities, gun-fights and a tourist "kidnapping." A street dance, spurred by country-western music is held in the evening. Call the Billings Chamber for more information, or Western Days at (406) 651-0131.

ZooGrass Festival: June 27—Top

name musical acts perform under Montana's Big Sky, noon to 9 p.m. to benefit ZooMontana. Second family entertainment stage is new in 1998. ZooMontana, P.O. Box 80905, Billings, MT 59108-0905, (406) 652-8100.

Big Sky State Games: July 17-19—Amateur athletes from 250 Montana cities and towns participate in the largest multi-sport event in the state. Ten thousand athletes vie for state victories in archery, basketball, shooting, softball, wrestling, wind surfing and a number of other events. For details call (406) 254-7426 or write: Big Sky State

Games, P.O. Box 2318, Billings, MT 59103.

Big Skyfest: July 30-Aug. 2—Sixty hot air balloons will paint the sky in the biggest hot air balloon event in the Northwest. It kicks off with a parade downtown Thursday, displays at Amend Park (off King Ave. West and South Billings Blvd. at I-90 Exit 447), big name ground entertainment, western-style carnival, booths and games. Call (406) 245-6294. Admission.

MontanaFair: Aug. 7-15—Montana's largest statewide event features a carnival, top name country-western music performers, rodeos, horse racing, midway acts, and more. MetraPark, P.O. Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103, (406) 256-2400 or 1-800-366-8538.

NILE Stock Show and Rodeo: Oct. 10-17—The Northern International Livestock Show and PRCA Rodeo celebrates its 31st anniversary in 1998. Western excitement centers around world-class rodeo action Oct. 13-17, entertainment, livestock and trade shows. Call (406) 256-2495.

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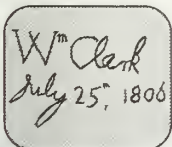
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Big Skyfest draws crowds and applause from high and low. Besides the early morning and afternoon flights from Amend Park at I-90 Exit 447, a full schedule of entertainment and activities delight grounded guests. The Big Skyfest is July 30 - Aug. 2 in 1998.

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Montana Team Roping Finals,
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Art galleries in Billings from college galleries to fine retail offerings, provide a full variety of art. Start with western and native American, then move through any art genre of your preference.

The Billings Symphony Orchestra and Chorale presents classical and contemporary music enhanced by nationally and internationally acclaimed

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Besides the symphony, Billings has a full calendar of every kind of music from classical, jazz, Dixieland, rock, bluegrass, western and R&B at a variety of private establishments and public venues.

The Moss Mansion, 914 Division Street, is a beautiful historic home. It was featured on America's Castles in

1997. The elegant mahogany entrance opens into the finest turn-of-the-century Billings home. Public tours are offered year round. Call (406) 256-5100.

The Billings Historic District, along Montana Ave. from North 22nd to North 30th Streets, showcases the historic Northern Pacific Depot. The depot and district have undertaken a major streetscape project to blend the past and the future. Billings was named for railroad magnate, Frederick Billings.



Billings Symphony Orchestra



The Moss Mansion

Wild & Free



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The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range straddles the Montana-Wyoming border about 13 miles north of Lovell, Wyoming, adjacent to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Created in 1968 by order of the Secretary of the Interior, it is the first of three wild horse ranges in the nation.

A herd totaling about one hundred horses may be spotted in various locations of the Pryor Mountains set aside as wild horse range. The range is managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The wild horses of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range are unique. Some experts state that the wild horses have been in the Pryor Mountains for more than one hundred years.

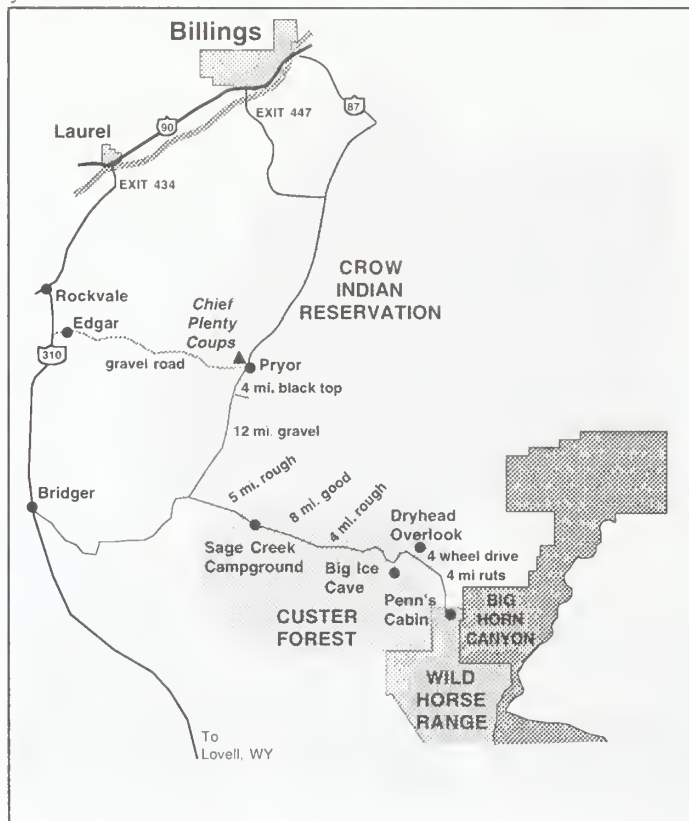
The wild horses roam over their range in bands from two or three up to fifteen head. Usually these bands are a stallion with his mares and colts, but there are also bands of young stallions without mares. As the snow clears from the top of the mountains in the spring, nearly all of the wild horses are drawn to the grass of the high meadows. When winter snows force them down from the mountain tops, the bands of horses will join those that stayed in the foothills and lowlands. Mares usually drop their foals during May. Soon afterward, the stallions challenge each other as they gather mares for their bands. This period is a time of wonderful photographic opportunities.

How to get to the Wild Horse Range

When you are traveling in Montana, the easiest access to the range is from Billings as a starting point. The journey is a total of 77 miles south of Billings on a variety of roadbeds, some of which are impassable when wet. Follow the map shown on this page. Two-wheel drive, low-profile vehicles are not recommended. Four-wheel drive vehicles are best. From Dryhead Overlook, particularly, the road is just a trail, and high clearance vehicles are needed. The horses can normally be seen in the four-mile stretch between Dryhead Overlook and Penn's Cabin.

Visitors traveling by passenger car to Montana through Lovell, Wyoming, may reach the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range by taking U.S. 14A for 2.4 miles east of Lovell. Here, turn north onto State Highway 37 and drive 25 miles on pavement to Barry's Landing. Along the way watch for wild horses and bighorn sheep. The view from the Devil's Canyon Overlook is spectacular.

For the more adventurous and those with 4-wheel drive vehicles, turn off State Highway 37 at the Crooked Creek Road. The turnoff is less than 1 mile south of the Bighorn Recreation Area boundary. Turn from the state highway and go 1.7 miles west. Turn right on the short, cottonwood-lined gravel road that goes north across Crooked Creek. At this junction a sign points left to Tillet/Burnt Timber Ridge and right to Sykes Ridge. Take the road to Sykes Ridge 2.5 miles and turn left (north) just before the road goes into the fish hatchery. The Wild Horse Range boundary sign is approximately 100 yards north. A second sign reads "Mystery Cave Road." Keep watching to spot the wild horses.



Crossroads to Yellowstone Park



Laurel is the crossroads to Yellowstone Park and Custer Country. Highway 212 leads to the Cody (east) and Cooke City (northeast) entrances of the park. I-90 is the route to the Gardiner (north) and West Yellowstone (west) entrances. Stop at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at the Laurel Outlook newspaper building, 415 East Main, for directions and information.

Crossroads Comforts

Stay Overnight: Excellent motel and hotel accommodations are available in Laurel, plus a variety of restaurants and fast food. If you like to camp or you have an RV, Riverside Park, on the banks of the Yellowstone River, has facilities for 100 campers. Camping is \$15 per night, for the seven spots with hook-ups for water and lights. Spots without hook-ups are \$8-\$10 per night. Showers are available. For reservations call (406) 628-4463. Horseshoe pits, room for volleyball, ample fishing access and a boat ramp make the camping ideal.

For campers, Laurel's Cenex Convenience Center, just off the interstate at exit 434, has a free RV dump station for fuel customers.

Parks: If a cool dip in the pool is what you need, the municipal swimming pool is located right in the center of the action at Thomson Park, along with tennis courts, picnic tables, playground equipment, softball fields and volleyball areas.

Entertaining Ideas

Biggest Fireworks Show in the State: Be in Laurel on the Fourth of July to see the state's largest, most spectacular fireworks display! You won't believe that this extravaganza is free. But it is!

The 4th of July is a fun-filled celebration in Laurel. Activities begin the night before on July 3 with the Jaycee Street Dance. The morning of the 4th finds the Jaycees still going strong—



A riderless horse is part of the pipe ceremony held at Canyon Creek Battle site, seven miles north of Laurel, where the Nez Perce Indians fought a battle with the cavalry led by Col. Sturgis. A statue of Chief Joseph in the center of Laurel commemorates the event. The pipe ceremony is held on the September 13 anniversary of the battle each year, honoring all veterans.

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cooking pancakes and sausage for breakfast.

A Kiddie Parade is next on the list of activities, and the Laurel 4th of July Parade follows shortly after. Bands, Shrine units, floats, lots of horses and antique cars combine for the annual event sponsored by the Laurel Chamber of Commerce.

After the parade, Thomson Park, a half mile north of downtown, is the place for lots of food and fun. Picnics and an American Legion International Baseball Tournament make the 4th a real family fun time.

The celebration lights up the sky at dusk when the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department presents a dazzling fireworks display on the ground and in the air. Music accompanies the display, making hearts swell and patriotism soar.

Mountain Man Rendezvous: A Mountain Man Rendezvous will be held at Riverside Park, August 3-12 in 1998. It features Lewis and Clark, the fur trade, and 400 years of history in North America's crossroads. The rendezvous celebrates live historical events spanning to Montana's line of beaver trappers, while focusing on the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery.

Traveling from I-90, take Laurel exit 434 to Highway 212. Proceed south across the Yellowstone River Bridge and turn left to Riverside Park immediately after crossing the bridge.

'Home of the Herbstfest': Laurel is the "Home of the Herbstfest." The festival, held the fourth weekend in September, is patterned after the German Oktoberfest held in Munich, Germany. Many Laurel citizens are of German descent, and they make the Laurel Herbstfest the most authentic German festival in the state.

Music, dancing, food and a bierstube are all located in one huge arena of fun and entertainment. The 1998 celebration is September 25-27. All activities will be held at the Horse Palace, easy to find at I-90 East Laurel Exit 437. Though the main theme is German music, comic relief and a learners' dance floor will round out the entertainment.

Doors open at 11 a.m. daily. Food booths offering ethnic selections, plus a wide selection of commercial booths with everybody's favorites, surround the dance floor. A bierstube garden, and seating and dining area add to the relaxing atmosphere.

Ticket prices for the entire weekend



Largest Fireworks display in Montana at Laurel
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are \$18 for adults at the gate, or \$15 in advance. One-day admission is \$7 Friday, \$8 Saturday, and \$6 Sunday. Students in grades 1-12 pay \$2 per day at the gate. Write Herbstfest, P.O. Box 1192, Laurel, MT, 59044 or call (406) 628-7852 to place an advance order. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

Winter Rodeo: Rodeos and roping events are held at the Horse Palace Equestrian Center at East Laurel Exit 437. Admission prices fit the family budget. Events are scheduled nearly every day from November through April. For a complete schedule, write to Horse Palace, 7215 Mossmain Drive, Billings, MT 59106, phone (406) 628-2049.

A Christmas to Remember: Laurel is brilliant at Christmas time. The business community lights, Santa's workshop in the city-center park, a huge Santa and reindeer spanning the street, and lights from countryside to church altar give Laurel the reputation of the state's best decorated city.

The whole town joins in to make Laurel a true holiday jewel. Maps to lighted homes are available at the chamber office or businesses. Montana's Centennial-sanctioned Christmas house and a resident's home selected and featured as one of the best decorated homes in the United States by USA Today are on the tour.

On the first weekend in December, a Parade of Lights down First Avenue at

5 p.m. features carolers carrying lights. A Christmas Cantata, and business open house activities throughout the day add to the fun on Dec. 6, 1998, in Laurel. Fireworks herald Santa's arrival at 5:30.

Hunt, Fish, and Ski: Within minutes of Laurel are some of Montana's best trout streams and lakes. Hunting near Laurel is also excellent. Waterfowl, upland game and big game are plentiful, including pheasants, ducks, mallards, geese, whitetail and mule deer.

Forty-five minutes to the south is one of the best spots in the west to ski — Red Lodge. Cooney Dam, 35 miles southwest, provides recreation opportunities such as boating, fishing for walleyes and trout, and water skiing.

On History's Trail

Canyon Creek Battlefield: The Nez Perce Indians fought a rear-guard action at a site seven miles north of Laurel at Canyon Creek. While the rest of the band escaped up the canyon, sharp shooters hidden in the canyon wall kept the cavalry at bay. Led by Chief Joseph, Looking Glass, Hush-hush-cute and others, the Nez Perce were nearing the end of a 1300 mile flight through Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park, and Montana. (See related story on page 78 of this guide.)

A pipe ceremony led by the Nez Perce will be held September 13, 1998 to commemorate the 121st anniversary of the 1877 battle, which occurred a year after Custer's Last Stand at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

The Friends of Canyon Creek Battlefield, Inc. of Laurel is working to preserve and interpret the site, a historic point of National Park Trails System.

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This Native American headdress is one of the interpretive displays inside the Chief Plenty Coups Museum. Other displays, videos, photos, and maps tell the stories of the Apsaalooke (Crow) people. Tours given daily July and Aug. at 1:30 through the chief's home, the grounds and facilities.



Above left: Plenty Coups donated his home and surroundings to be used by all people in friendship. When he died in 1932, it became a park, managed by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. In his park dedication speech he said, "This park is not to be a memorial to me, but to the Crow Nation. It is given as a token of my friendship for all people both red and white." **Above right:** Chief Plenty Coups "Day of Honor" is held annually the first Saturday in September at Chief Plenty Coups State Park. Traditional dance and drum groups, a buffalo feast, historians' presentations, a craft fair and rodeo are featured festivities. All visitors are welcome on this no-fee day.

The Chief Plenty Coups State Park is 35 miles south of Billings at Pryor. Take I-90 exit 445, then turn (south) on Hwy 416. Follow 416 south to the junction of Pryor Road. Turn south and follow the signs to one mile west of Pryor.

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the visitor center/museum is open daily from May 1 to September 30. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. In addition to the museum is Chief Plenty Coups' homestead, the medicine spring and a memorial to his peace efforts and to the Crow Indians.

A spacious picnic area is fully developed with tables, grills, restrooms and

drinking water. No camping allowed.

There is no fee for entering the park. The museum fee is \$1 for adults. If visitors have the annual parks family passport, there is no additional charge.

A brochure is available at local information centers and at the site. The museum phone number is (406) 252-1289.

Crow Traditional Lifeways:

Crow Elders and historians will offer interpretive programs July 4, 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 and 8 from 1:30-4 p.m. Presenters will discuss Crow pipes and flutes, understanding the sweat lodge ceremony, teepee traditions, drumming and dancing, Crow beadwork and uses of plants.



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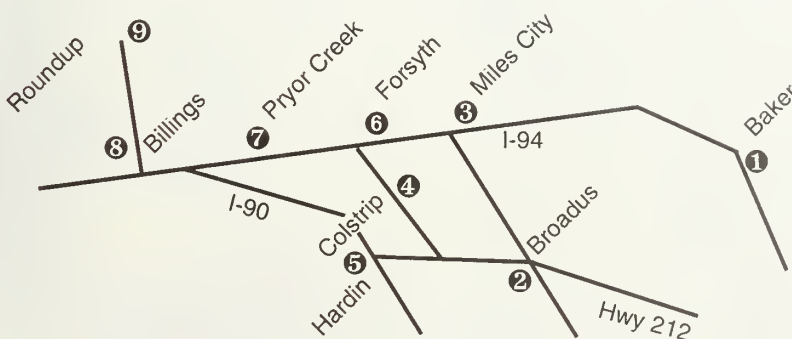
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